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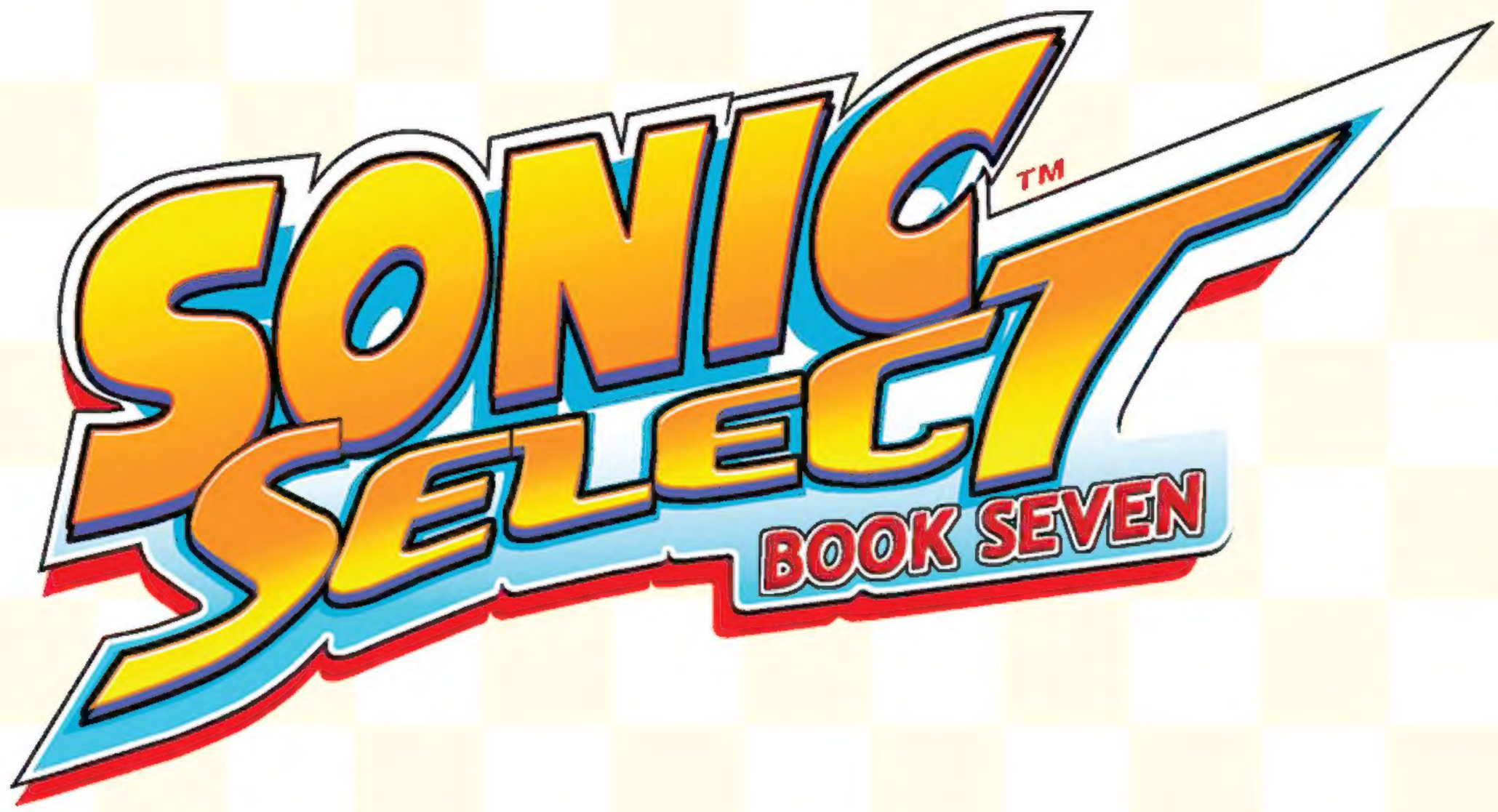

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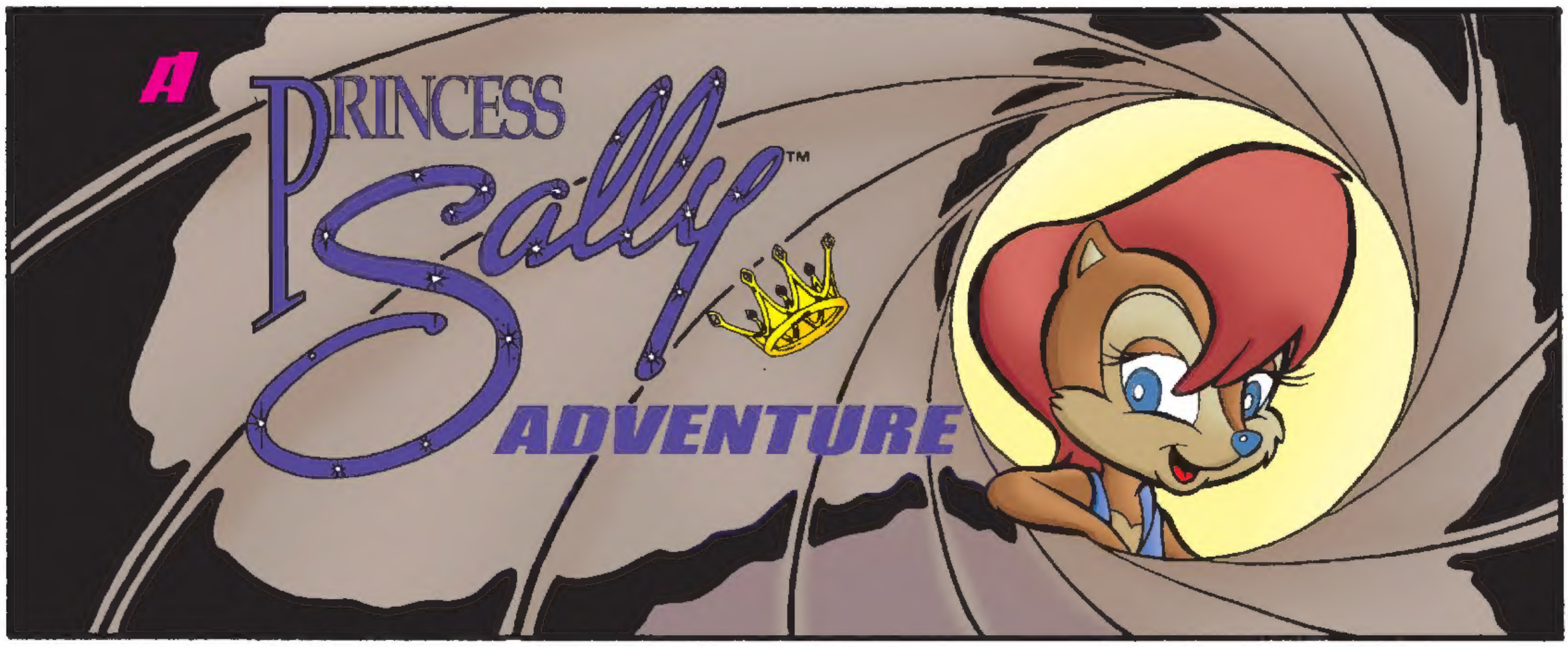
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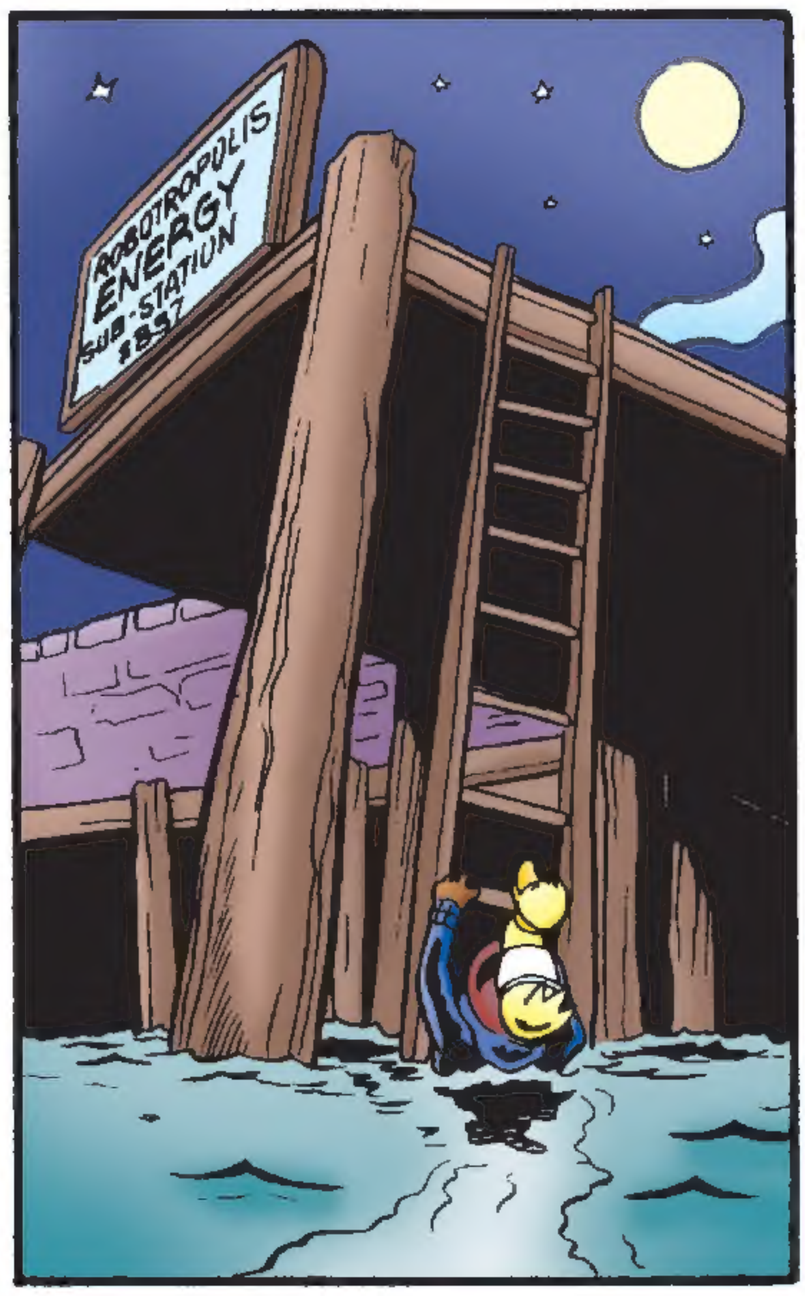
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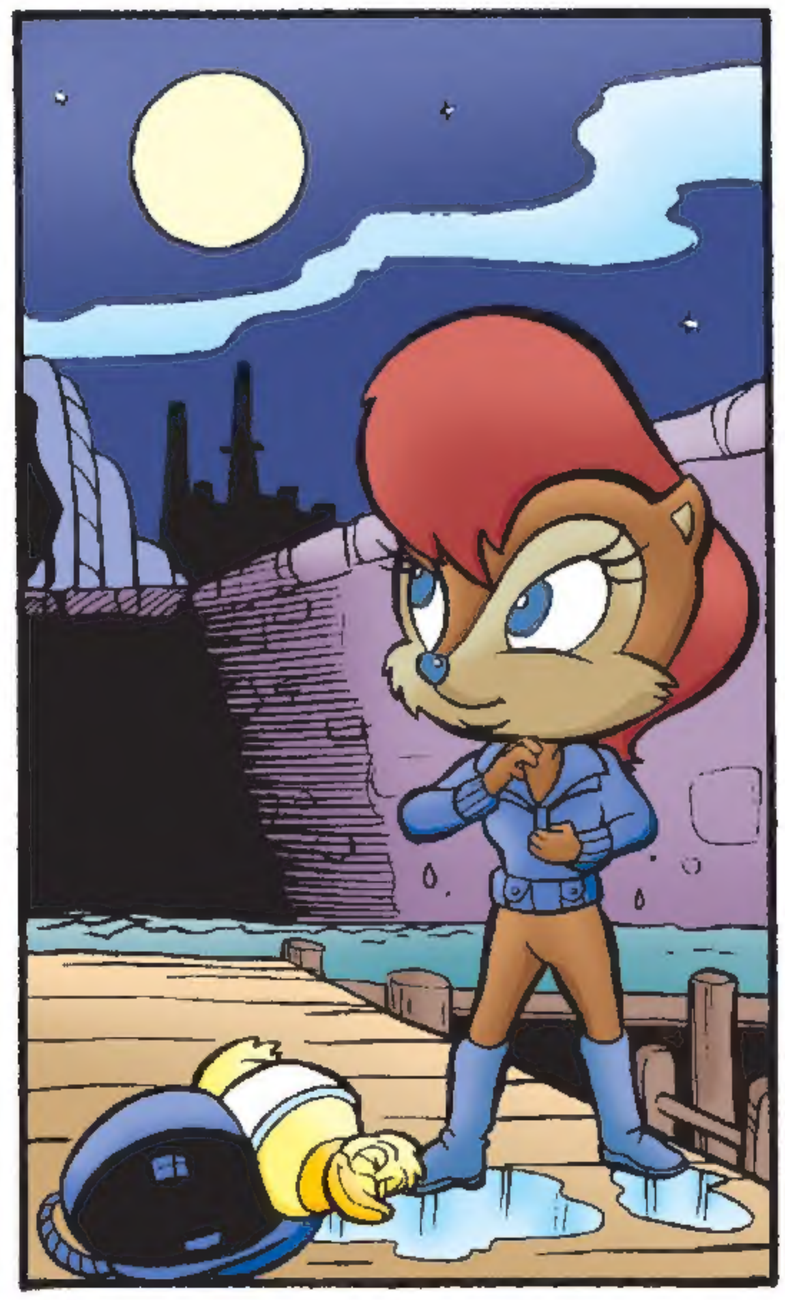

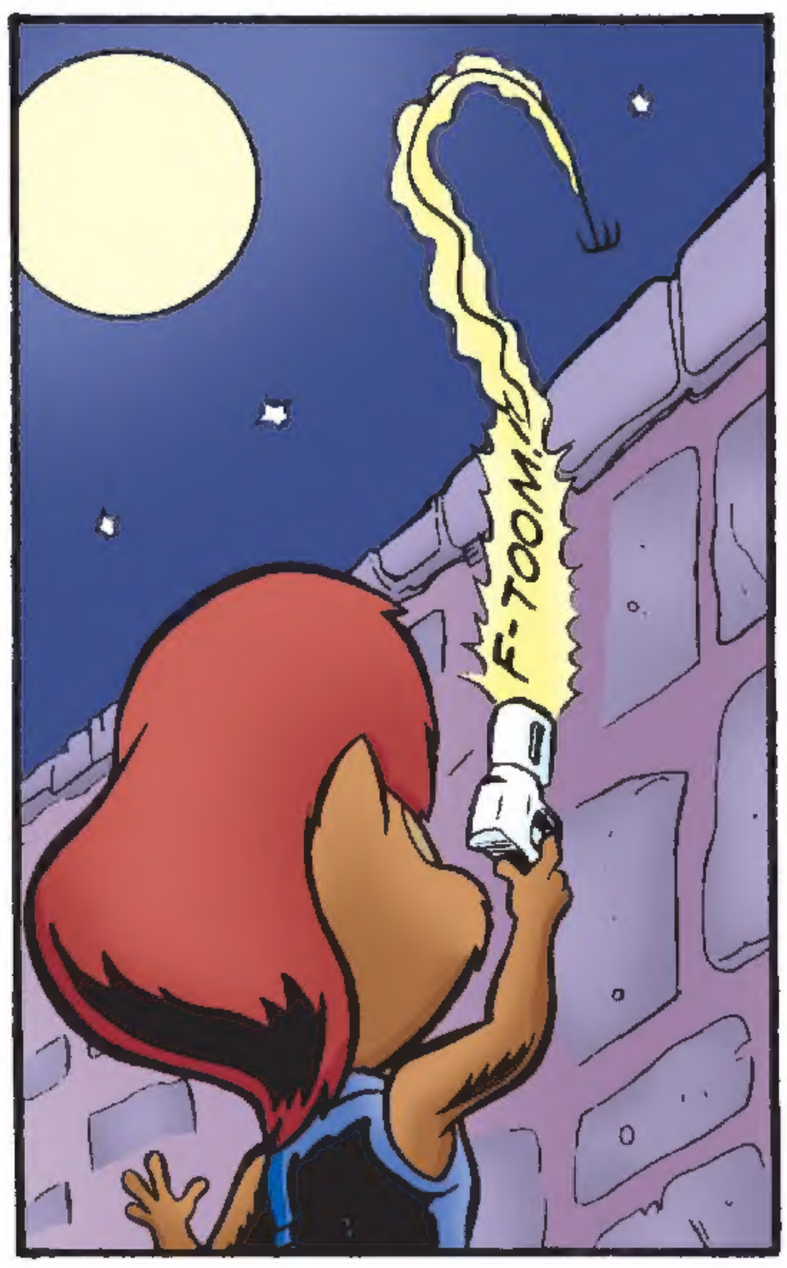
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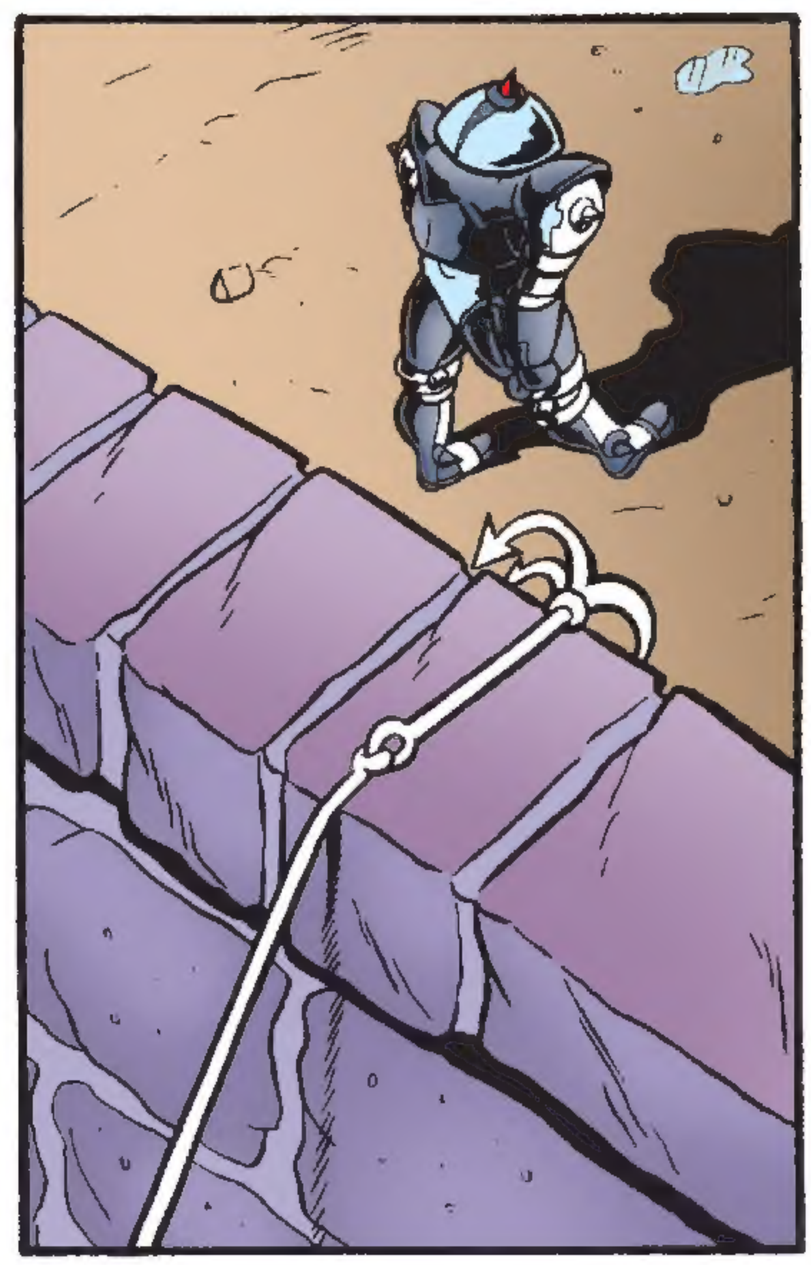

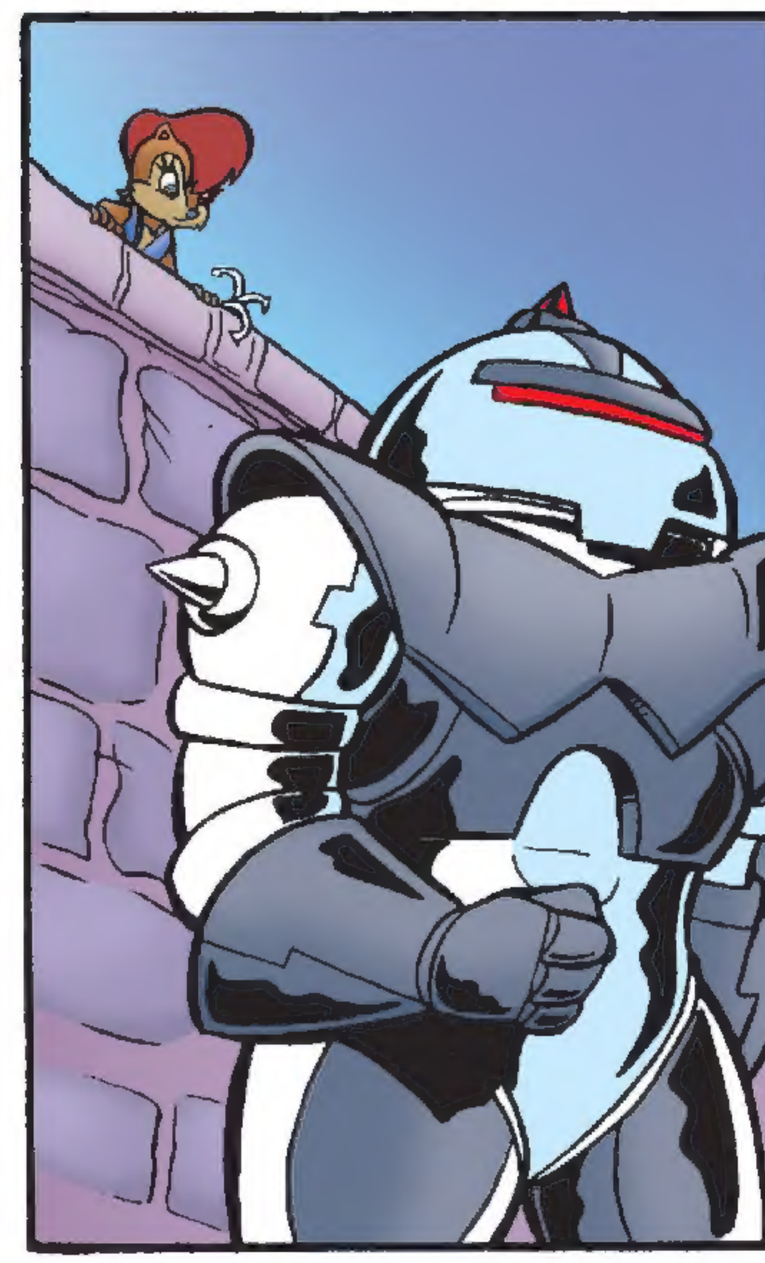

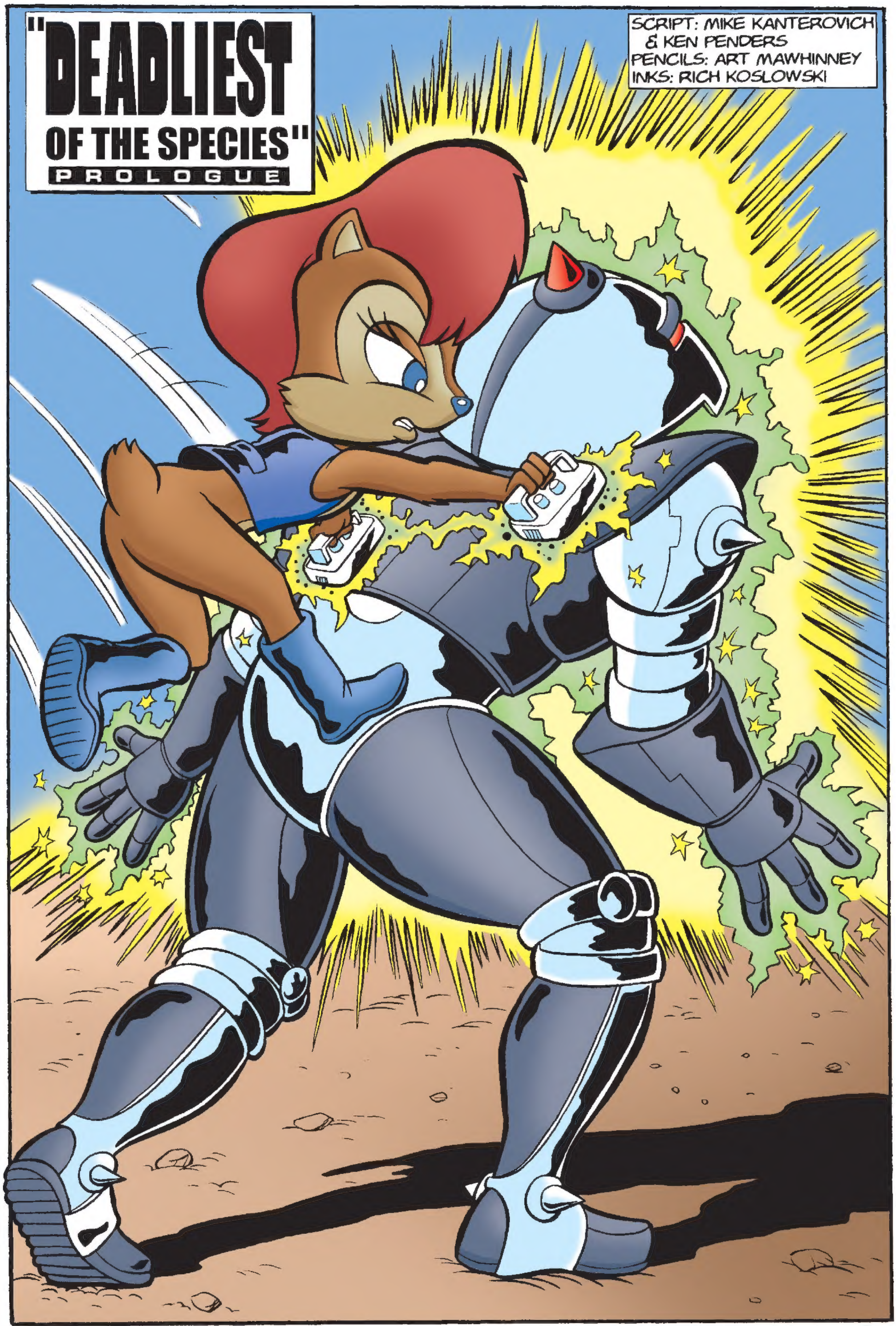
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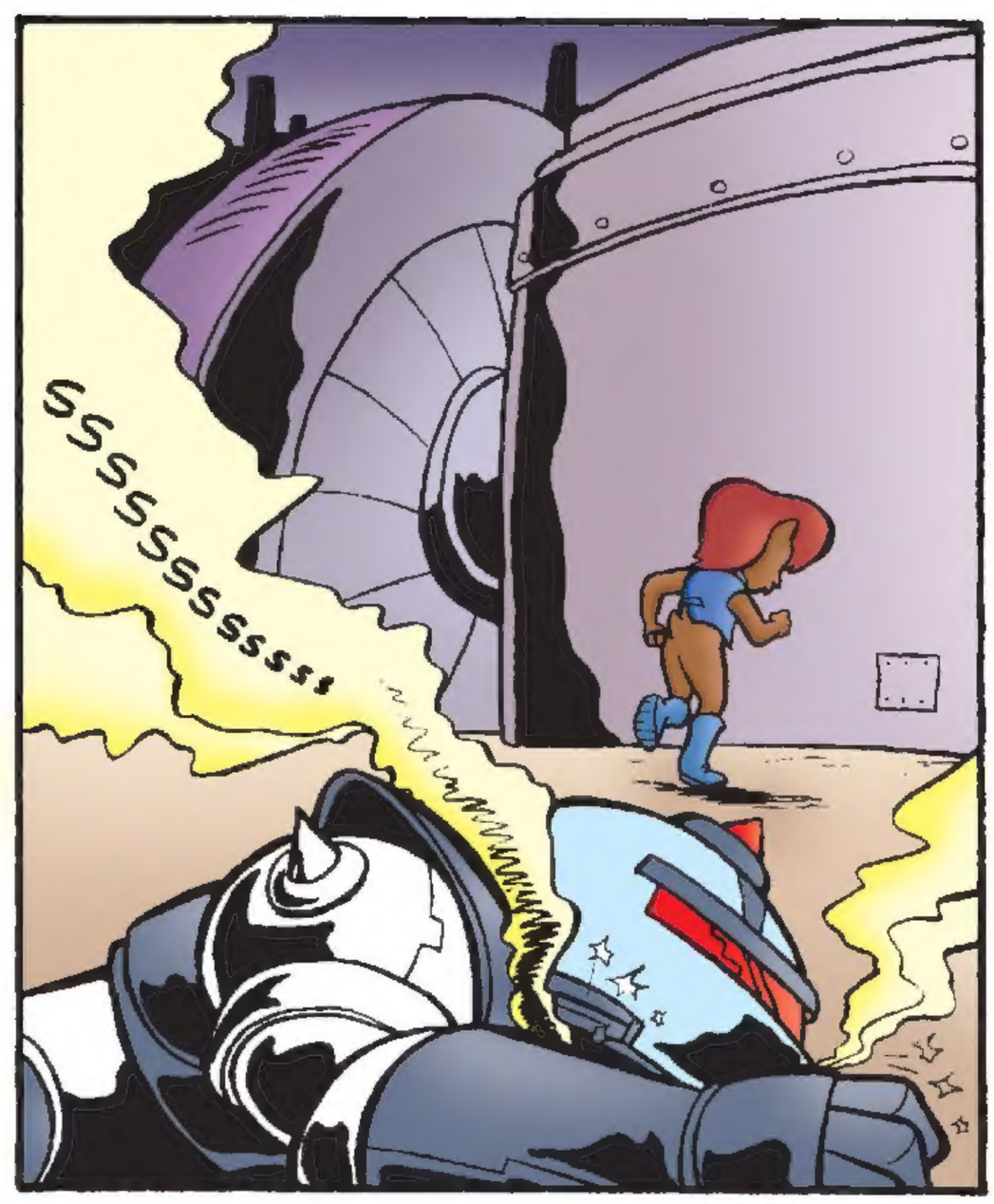
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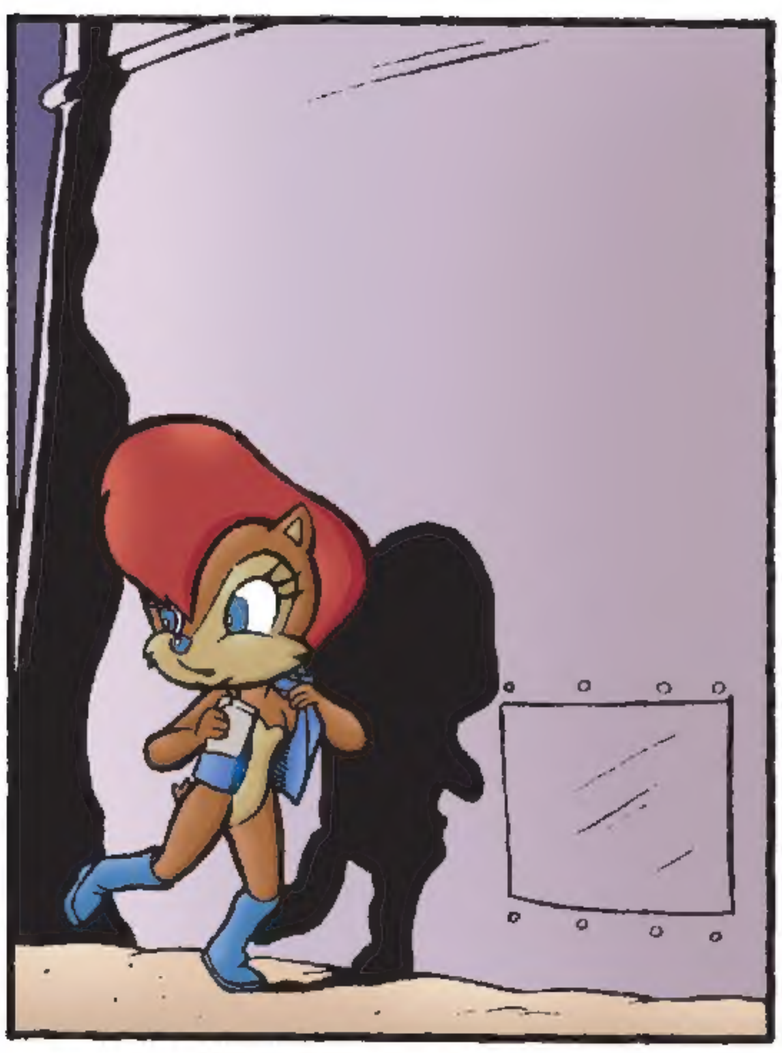

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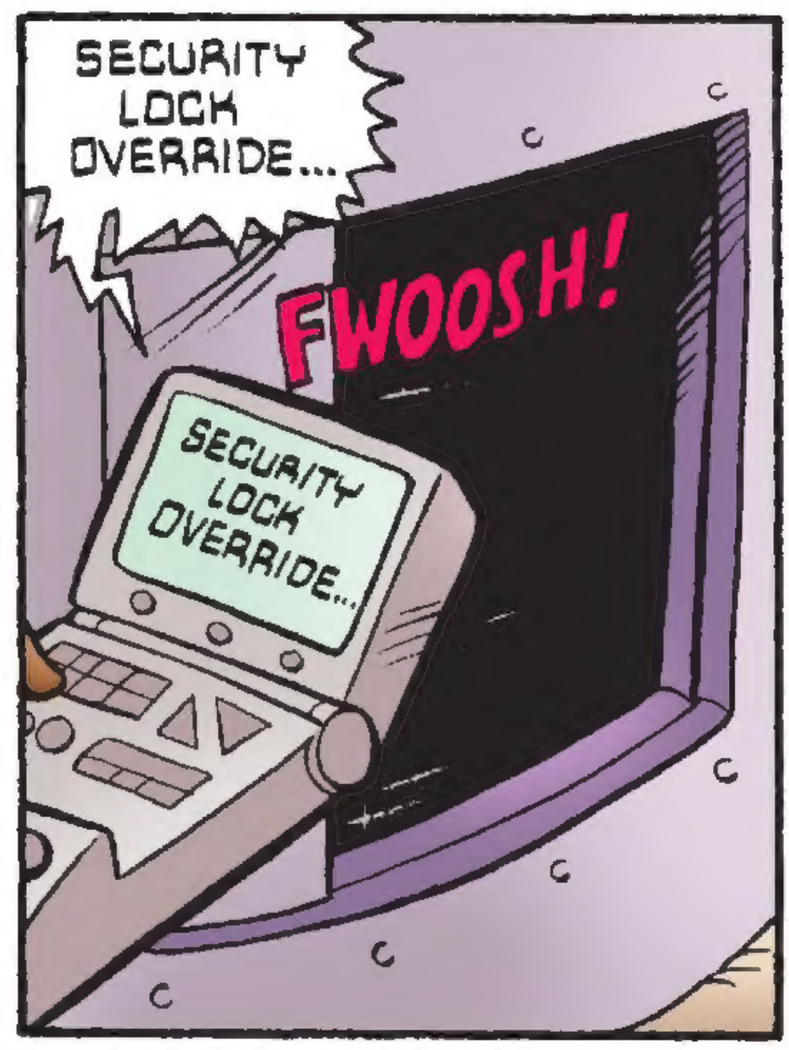
TAP!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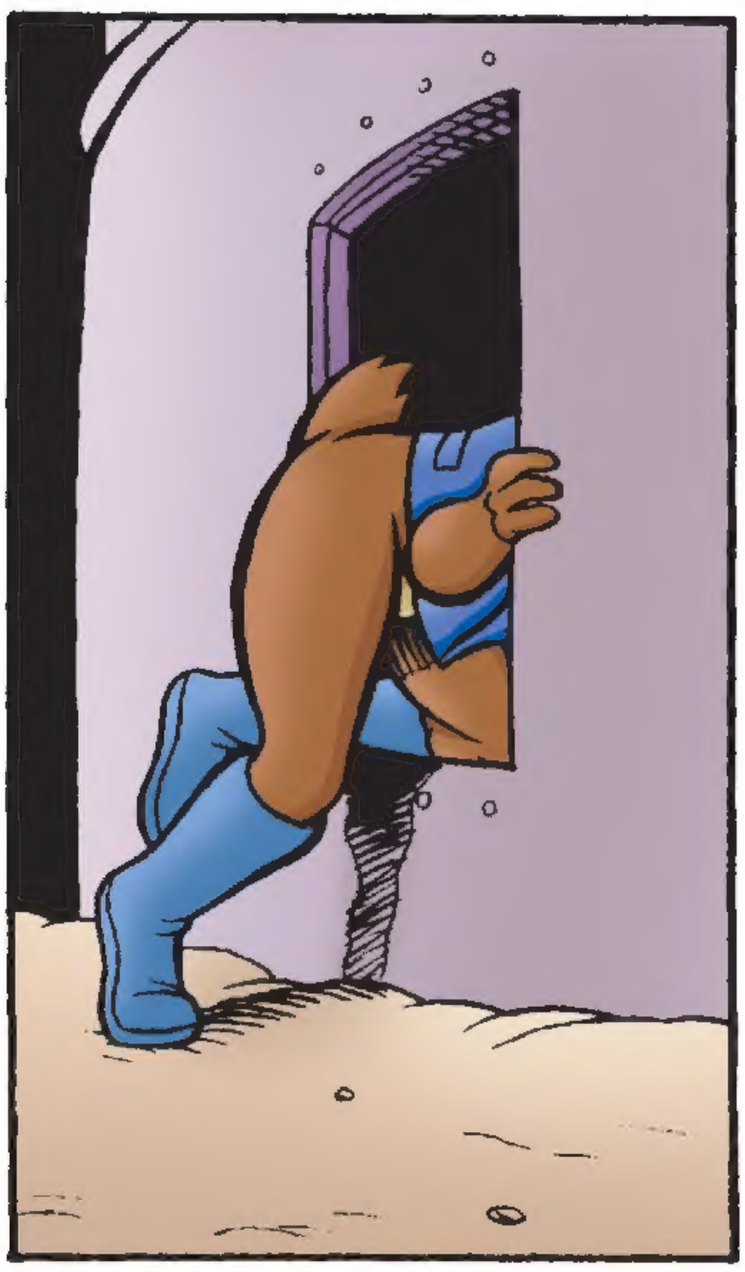
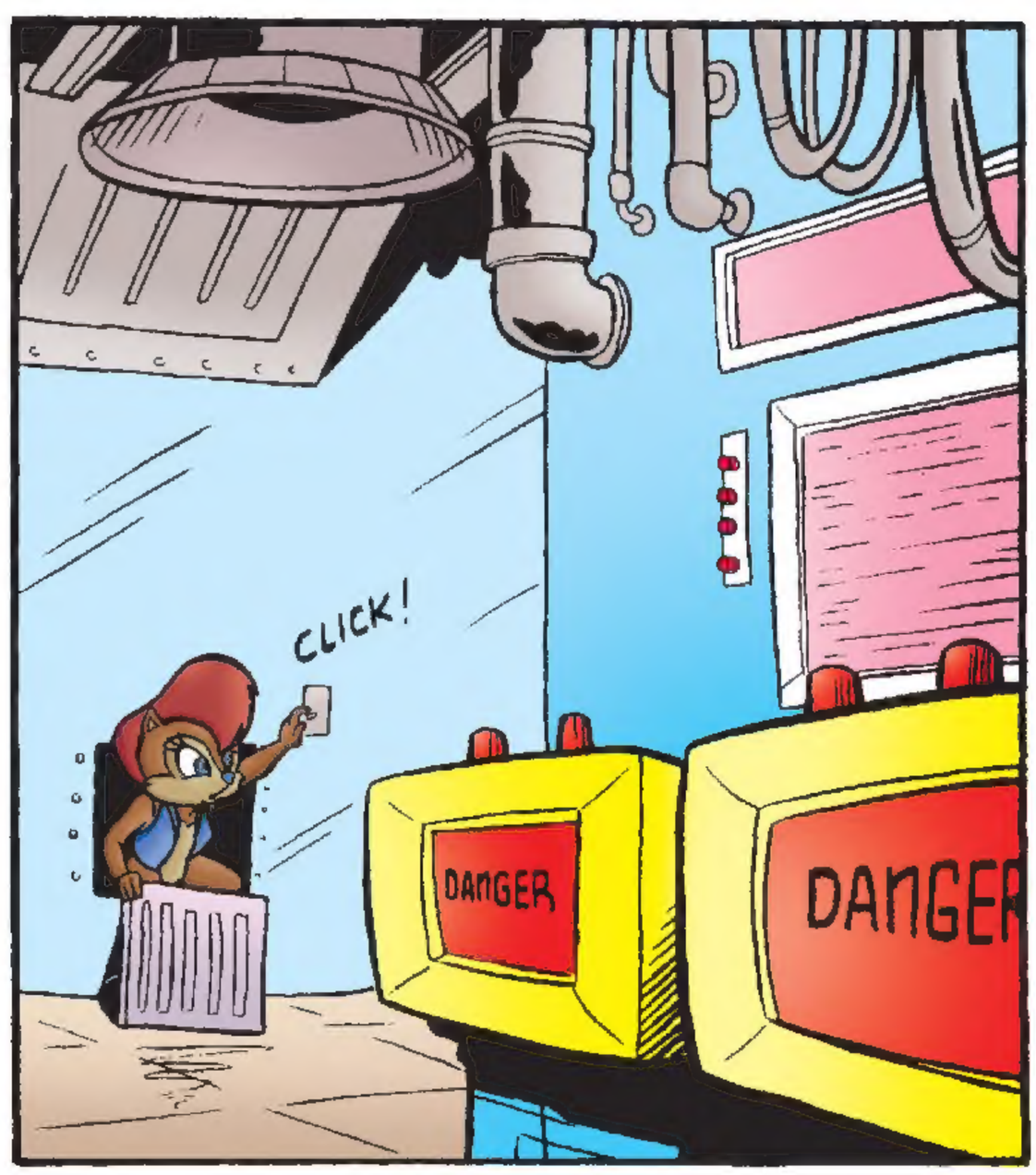
OVERRIDE...
FWOOSH!
SECURITY
LOCK
OVERRIDE...

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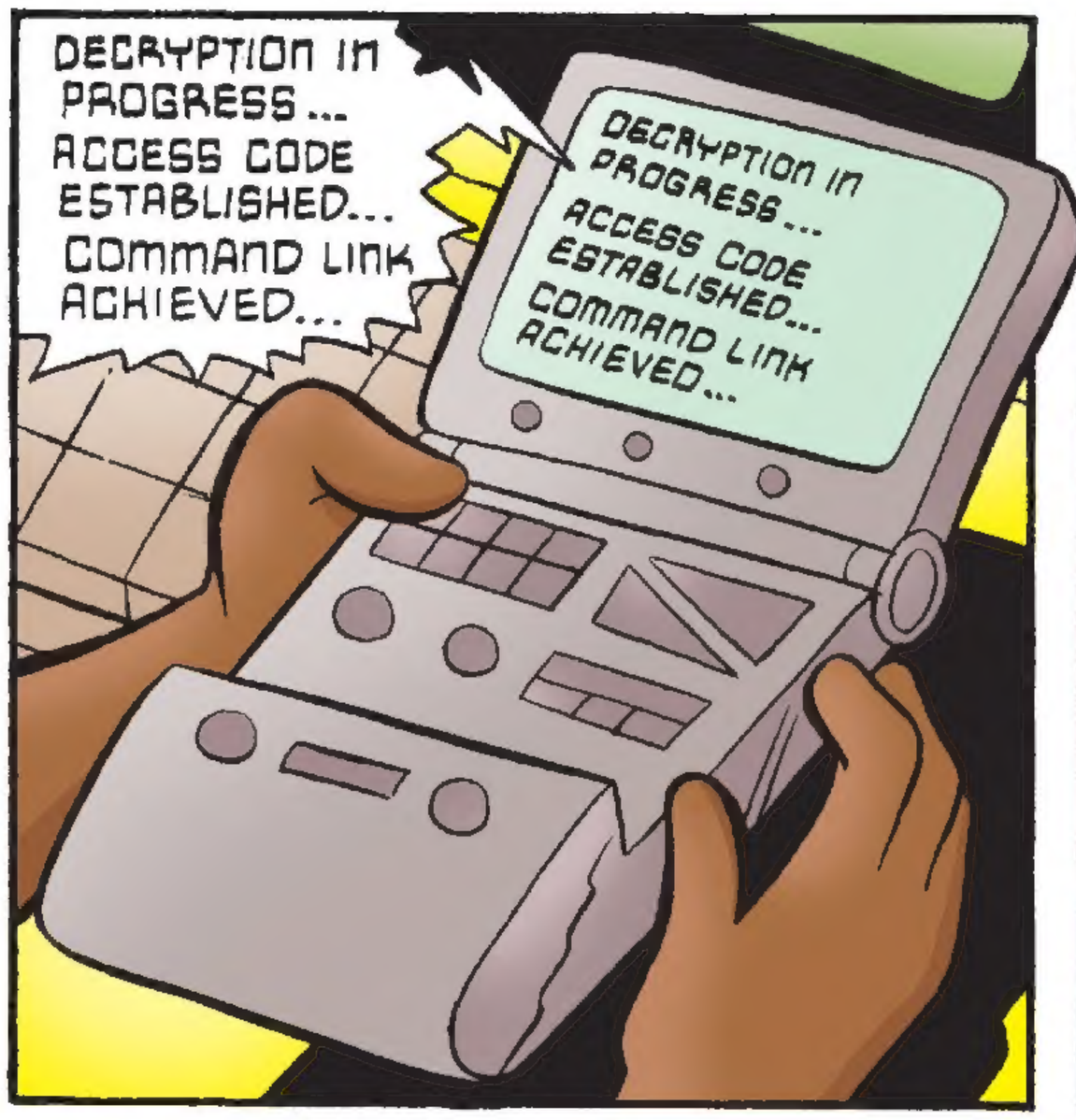
DANGER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COMMAND LINK ACHIEVED...
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PROCESSING...

DESTRUCT SEQUENCE ENGAGED...
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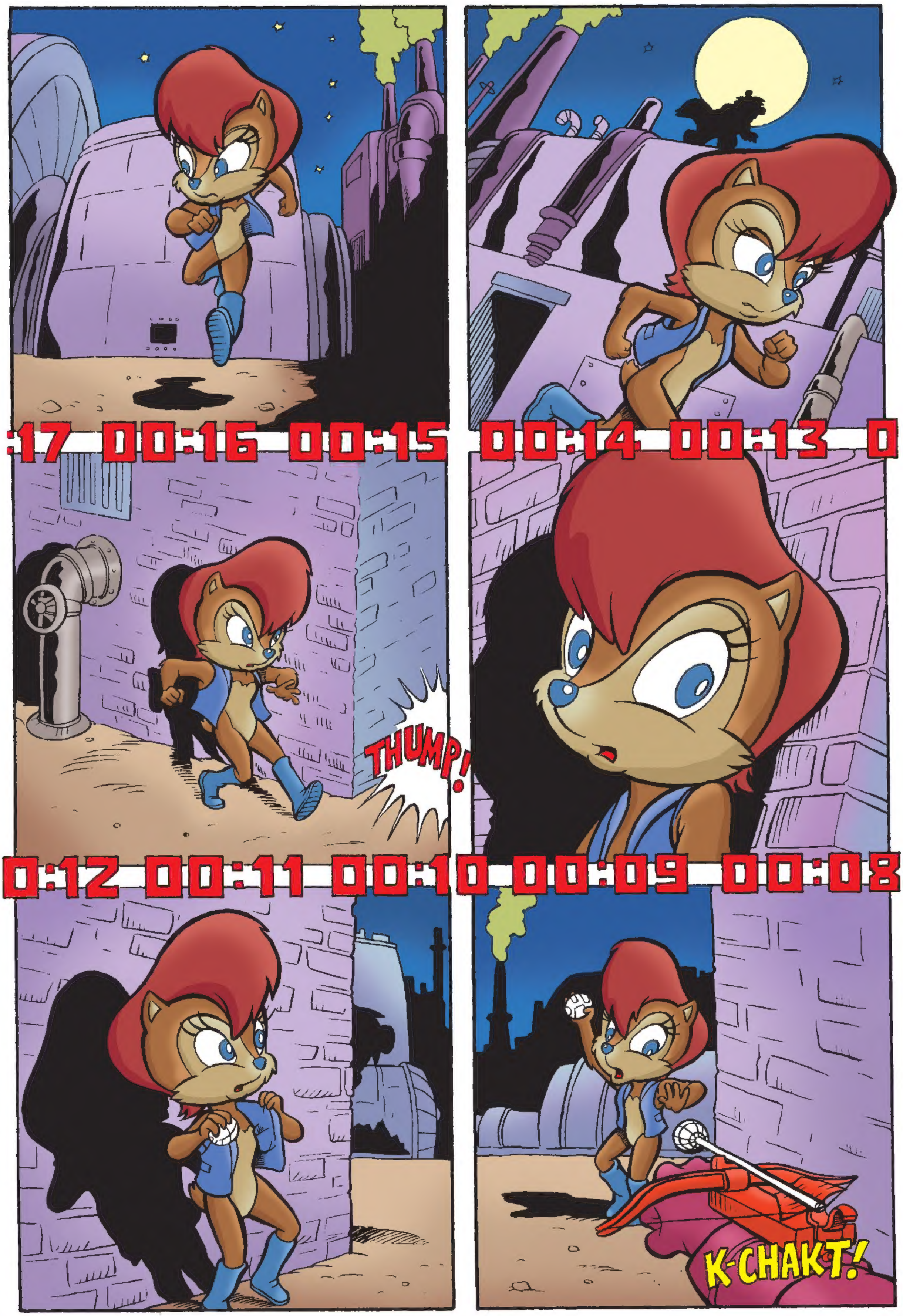
KLICK!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THUMP!
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K-CHAKT!

WHO... ARE YOU?

WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT T'BE OBVIOUS, LUV...

I'M THE BLOKE WITH THE KNOCK-OUT GAS BOLT, READY T' PUT YA TO SLEEP!

00:07 00:06 00:05 00:04

NOW EXPLAIN YA SELF, OR IT'S INTO THE LAND OF DREAMS FOR YA!

LOOK... WHOEVER YOU ARE... WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION...

EXPLOSION? WHAT EXPLOSION?!

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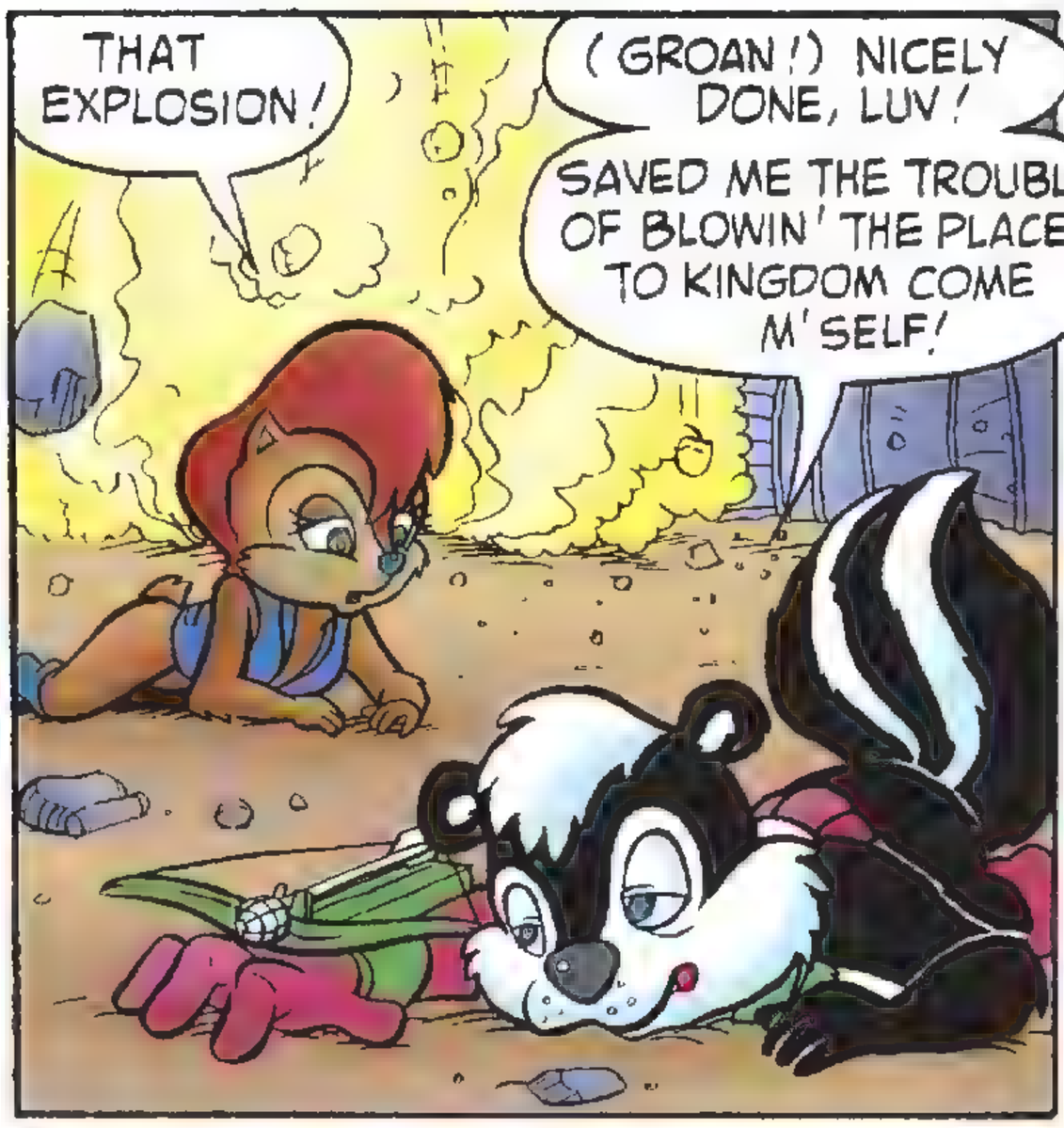
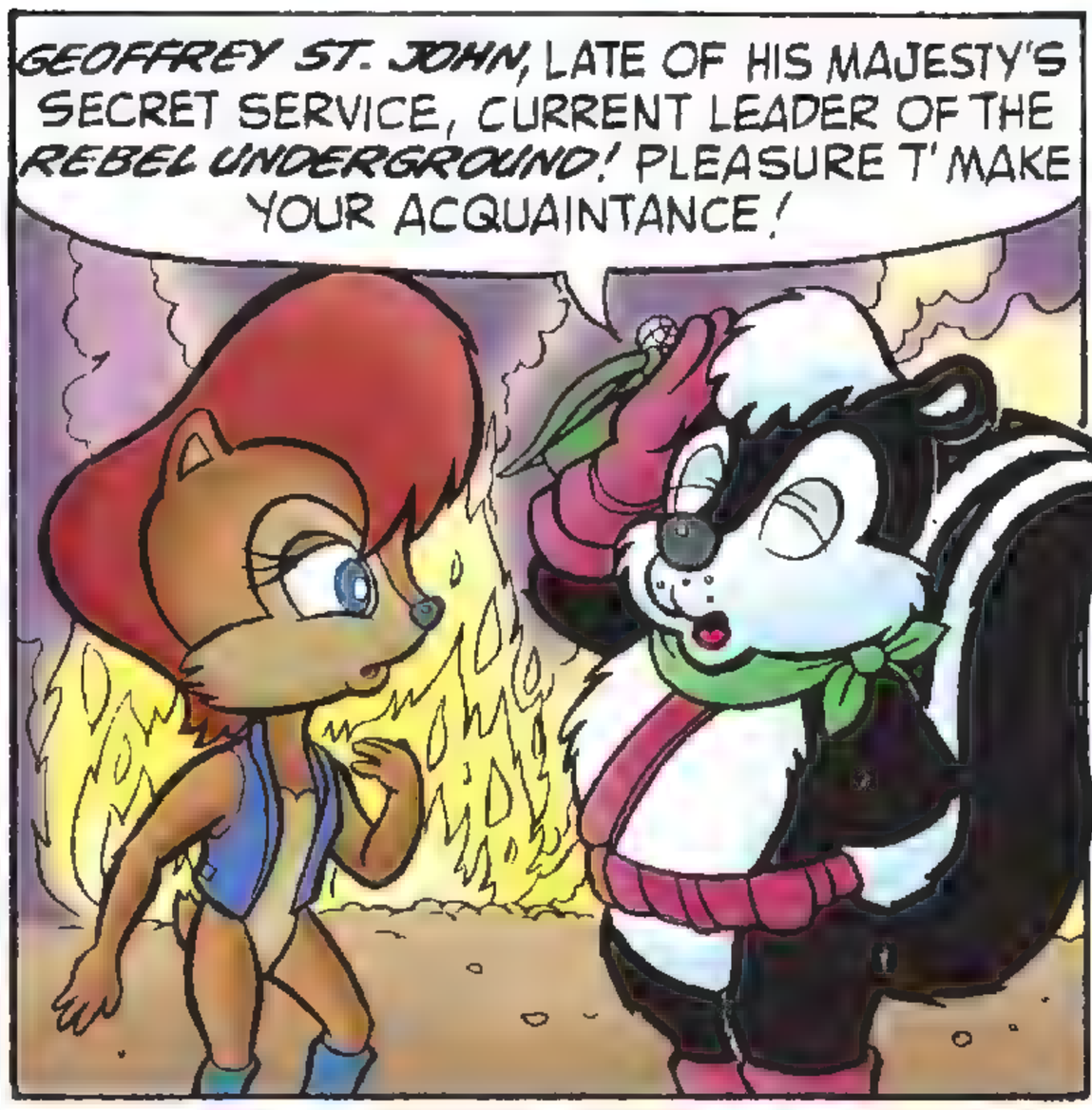
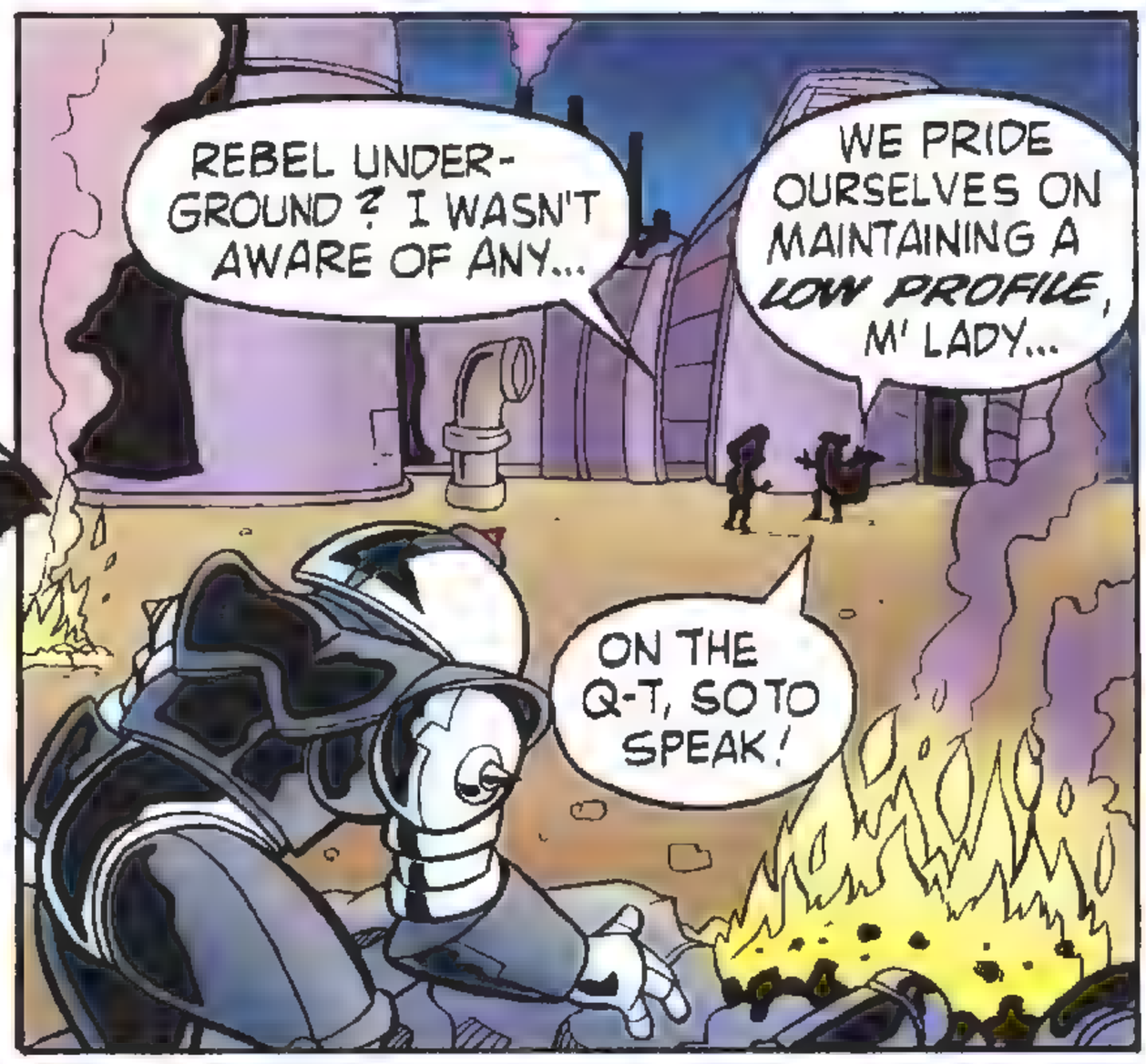
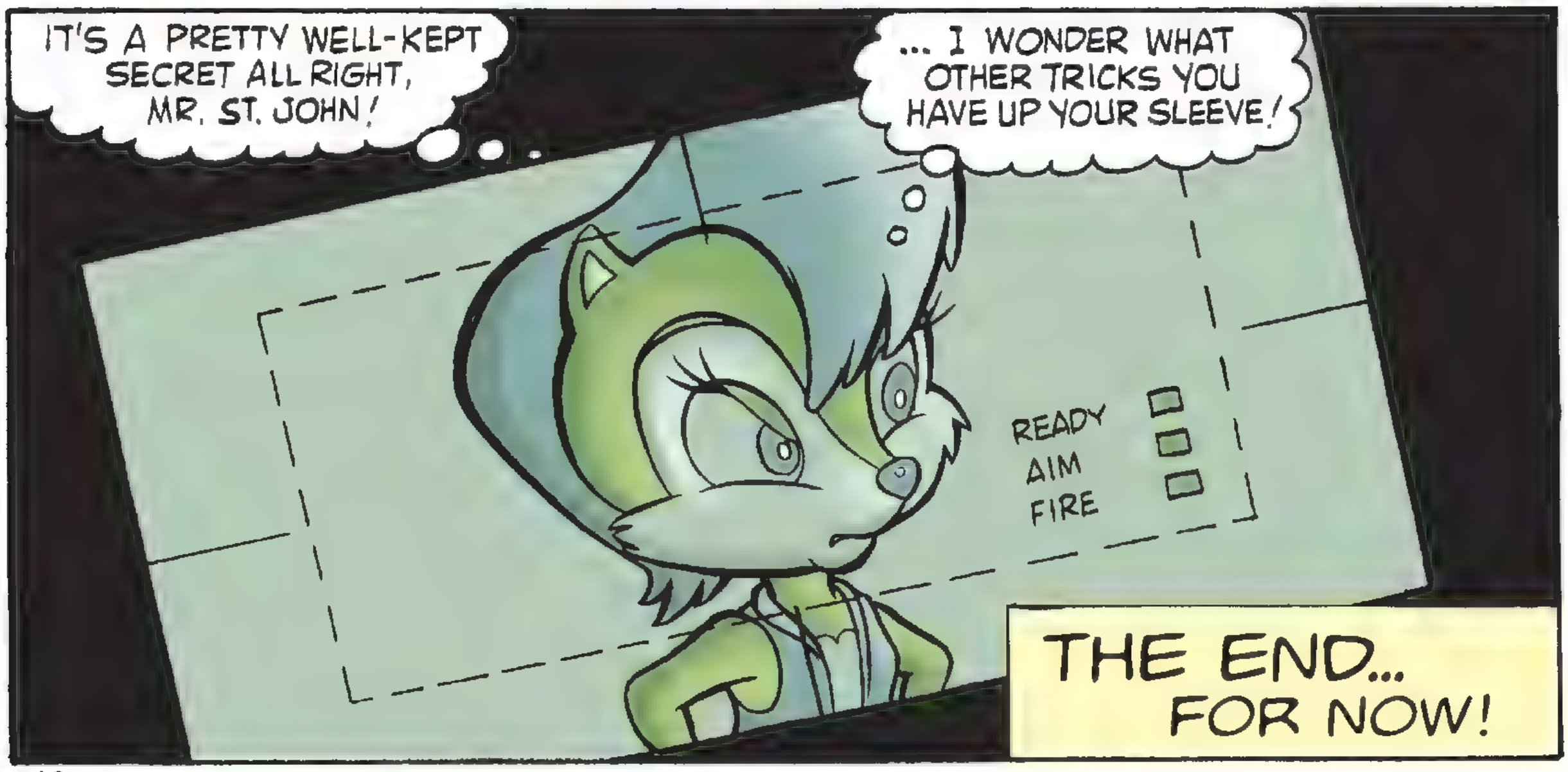
KA-BOOM


THAT EXPLOSION!
(GROAN!) NICELY DONE, LUV!
SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF BLOWIN' THE PLACE TO KINGDOM COME M'SELF!

HAPPY TO OBLIGE! ANY ENEMY OF ROBOTNIK'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE! CALL ME SALLY!
SALLY?
AS IN *PRINCESS* SALLY?


GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, LATE OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE, CURRENT LEADER OF THE *REBEL UNDERGROUND*! PLEASURE T' MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!


REBEL UNDER-GROUND? I WASN'T AWARE OF ANY...
WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON MAINTAINING A *LOW PROFILE*, M' LADY...
ON THE Q-T, SO TO SPEAK!


IT'S A PRETTY WELL-KEPT SECRET ALL RIGHT, MR. ST. JOHN!
... I WONDER WHAT OTHER TRICKS YOU HAVE UP YOUR SLEEVE!
READY
AIM
FIRE
THE END... FOR NOW!

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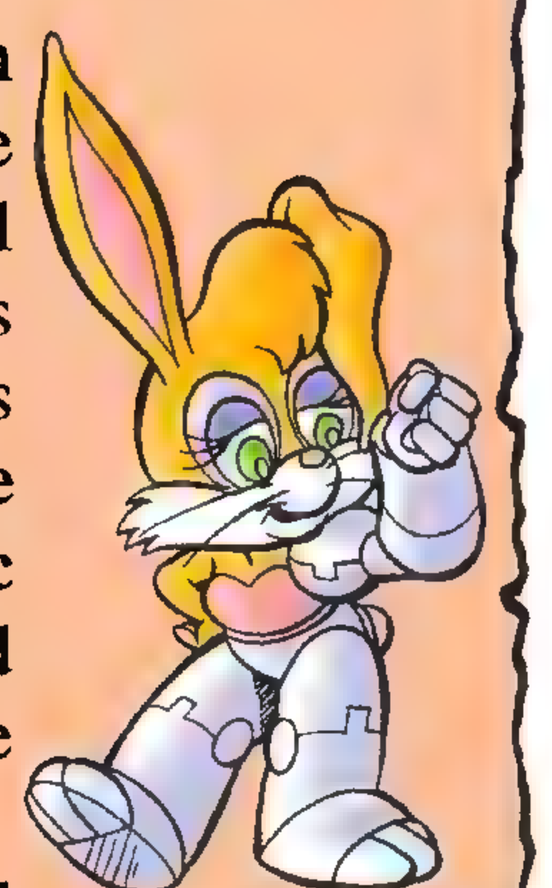
Not long ago, the planet **Mobius** was a world of great beauty and joy. Guided by the benevolent **King Acorn**, all seemed like a paradise. That is, it **was**, until the evil **Doctor Ivo Robotnik** rose up against the inhabitants of the great city of **Mobotropolis**, conquering the land and its people.

In the aftermath of the devastation created by Robotnik and his mechanical army of **Swatbots**, he subjected the citizens to a process whereby they were remade into **mechanical slaves**, toiling over the polluted lands on the now rechristened **Robotropolis**. As for the king, to this day, no one can be certain of his fate.

But where there is great loss, there is often found great hope. Among the youngest of the citizenry were its most courageous. Banding together as a group of **Freedom Fighters**, they struggle to one day regain what was once theirs.

Among the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the swiftest of them all, assisted by his loyal friend **Tails**. **Rotor** serves as the group's **inventor** and **chief engineer**. **Antoine** is renowned for his **military skills**. **Bunnie Rabbot** makes great use of her **robotic limbs**. Led by the courageous and resourceful **Princess Sally**, they form the spearhead of the **Rebel Alliance**.



As Robotnik's forces grow in size and strength, Princess Sally knows the Freedom Fighters must do the same. And so, she begins to recruit the next generation of Freedom Fighters.... ✠

FROM THE JOURNALS OF PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...

AT THE TIME, IT SEEMED A SIMPLE ENOUGH ASSIGNMENT... INFILTRATE ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S KEY ENERGY SUBSTATIONS...

ROBOTROPOLIS ENERGY SUBSTATION #837

... AND DESTROY IT!

DESTRUCT SEQUENCE ENGAGED

FRANKLY... I EXPECTED RESISTANCE...

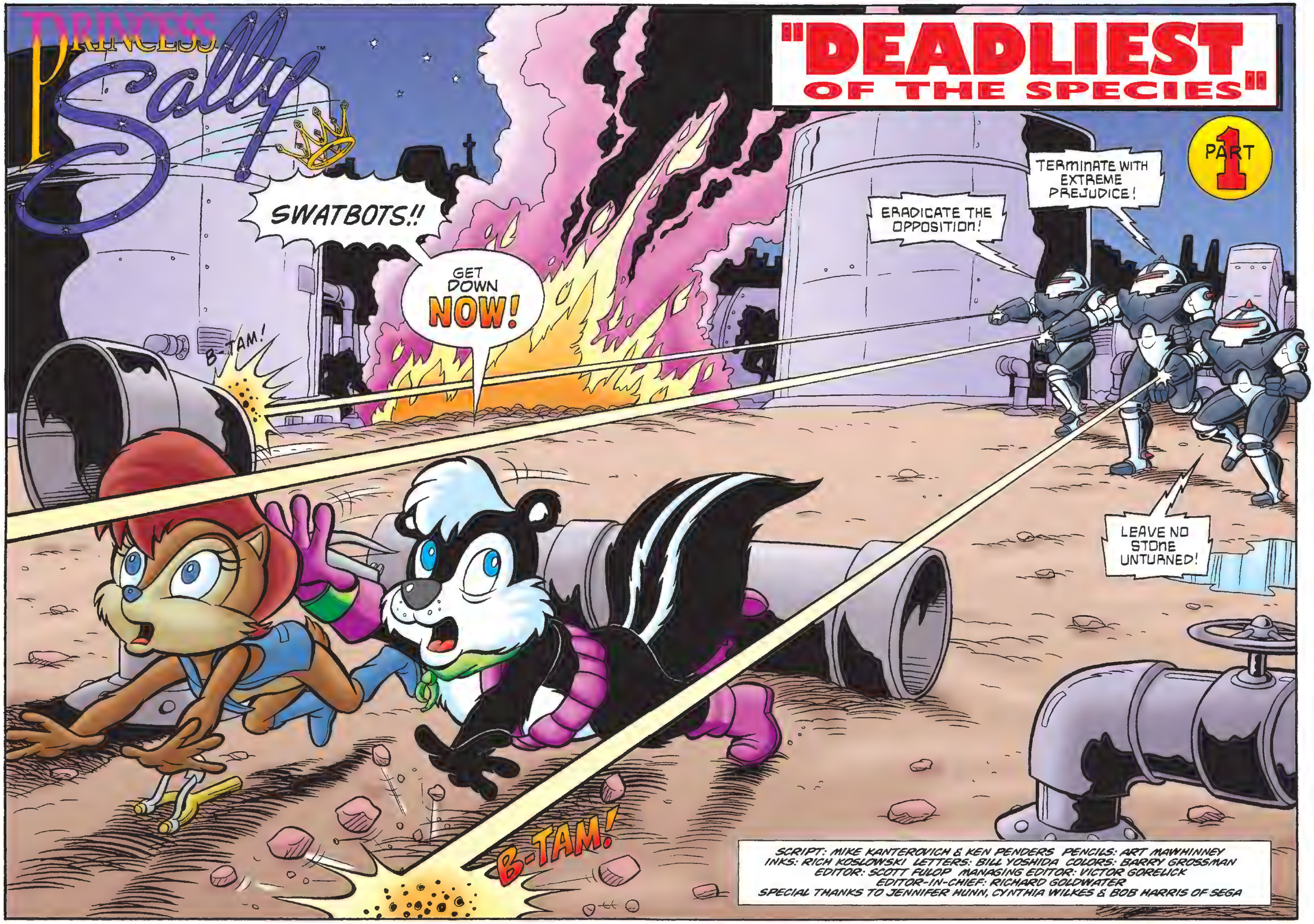
...BUT WHAT I DIDN'T EXPECT WAS TO RUN AFOUL OF AN UTTERLY CHARMING ROGUE NAMED GEOFFREY ST. JOHN!

ST. JOHN CLAIMED TO BE LEADER OF SOME UNSEEN FACTION OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND... AND A FORMER MEMBER OF MY FATHER'S SECRET SERVICE...*

* EARLIER IN THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL! --*Editor*

...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE!

READY
AIM
FIRE


PRINCESS Sally
"DEADLIEST OF THE SPECIES"
PART 1
SWATBOTS!!
GET DOWN NOW!
B-TAM!
ERADICATE THE OPPOSITION!
TERMINATE WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE!
LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED!
B-TAM!
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WALKIN' TIN CANS DON'T LOOK NONE TOO *FRIENDLY*, LUV!

SO I *NOTICED*, MISTER ST. JOHN!

TWANG! TWANG!

K-CHOK!

K-CHAK!

F-WHAP

F-WHAP!

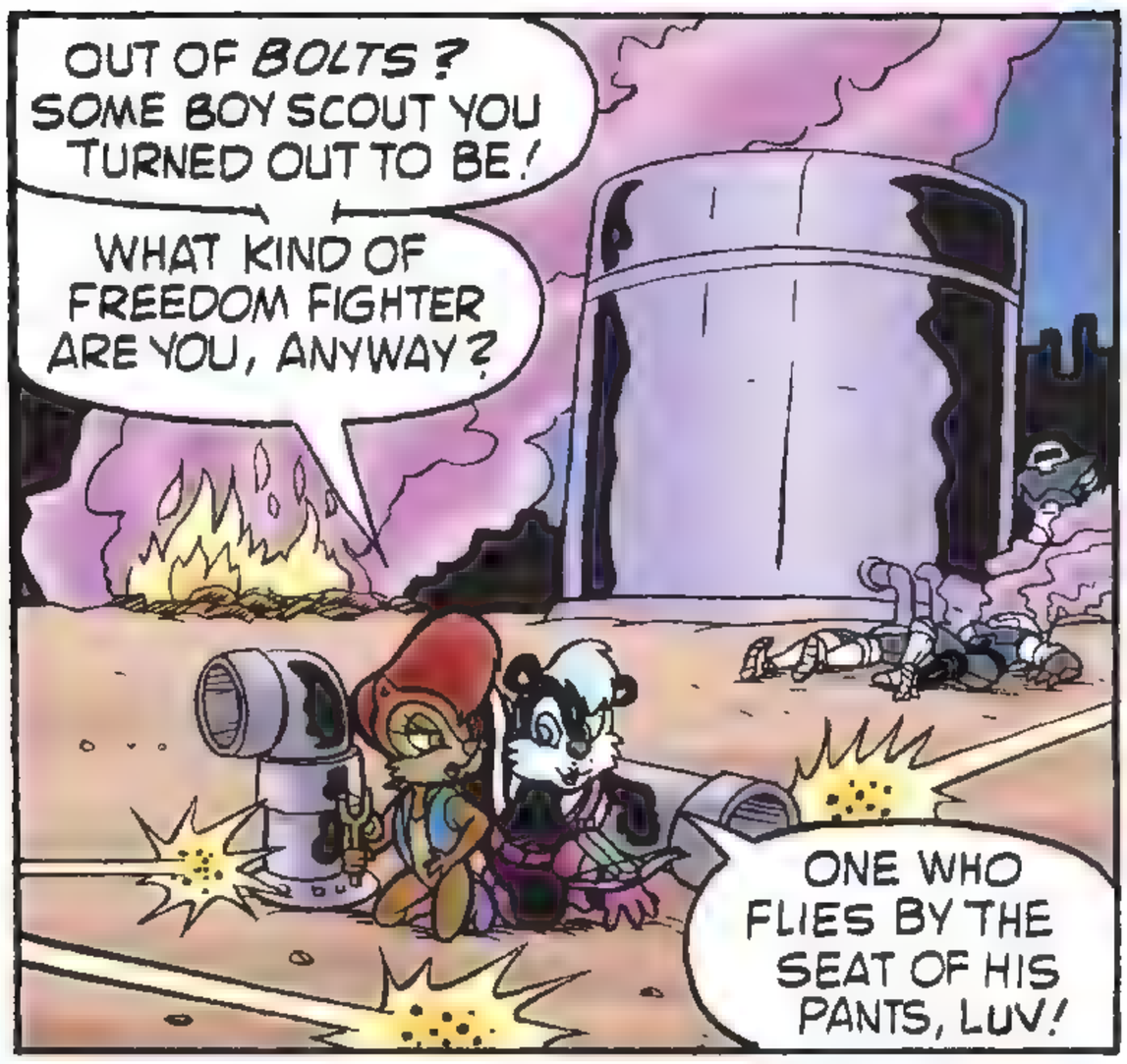
K-CHUNK

K-CHUNK

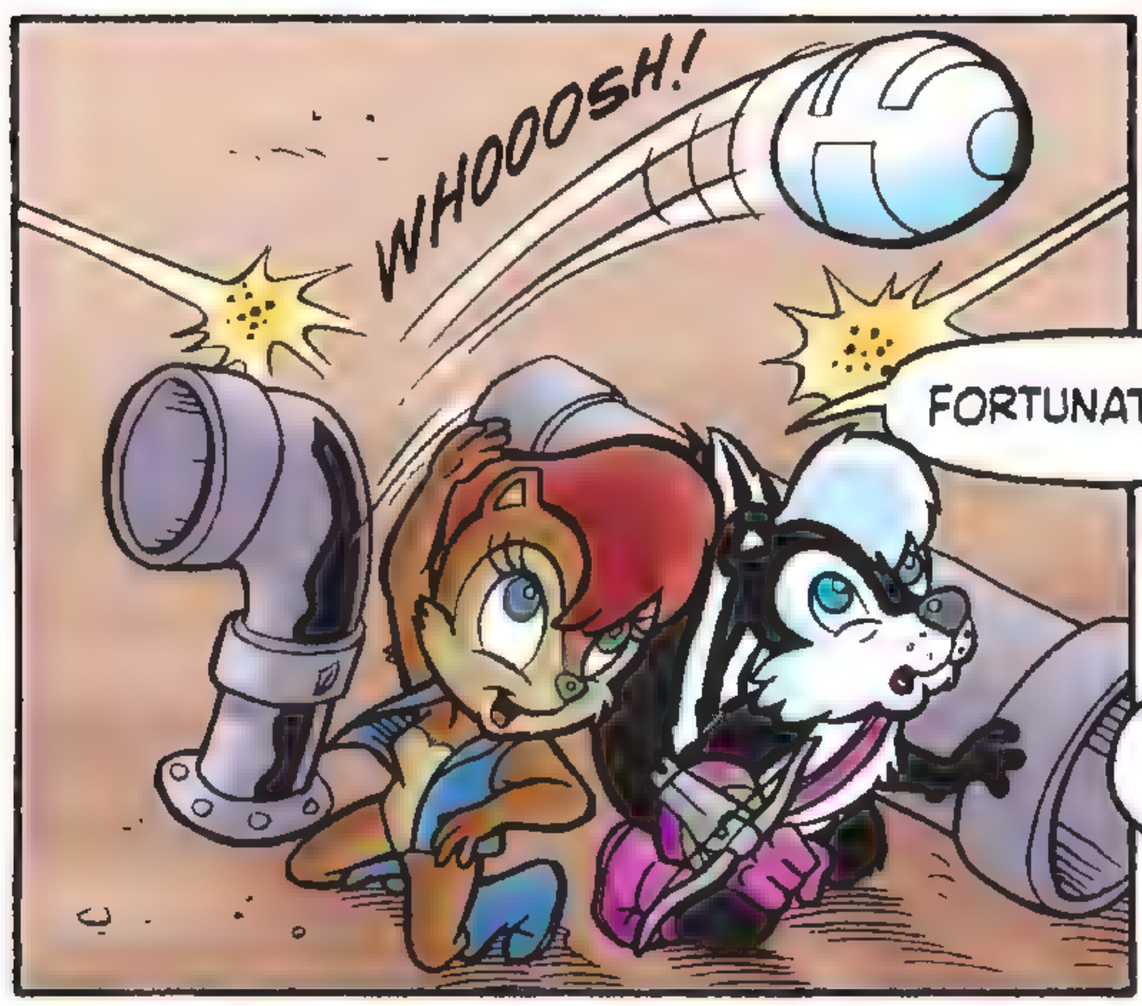
NOT TOO SHABBY! THINK YOU CAN PICK UP THE *PACE* A LITTLE?

I *COULD*...

...IF I WASN'T PLUM OUT OF *BOLTS*!


OUT OF BOLTS? SOME BOY SCOUT YOU TURNED OUT TO BE!
WHAT KIND OF FREEDOM FIGHTER ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
ONE WHO FLIES BY THE SEAT OF HIS PANTS, LUV!

HRRUMPH! YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW!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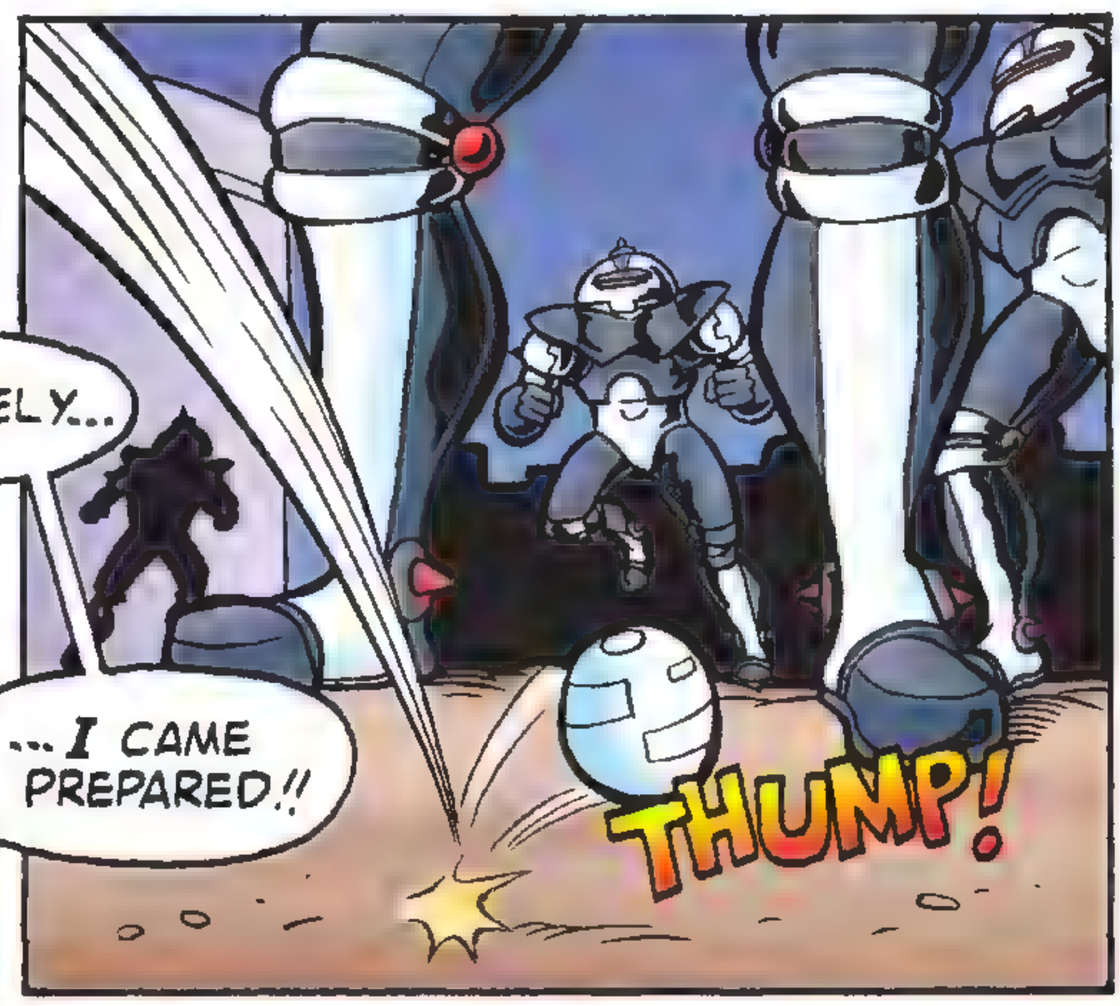
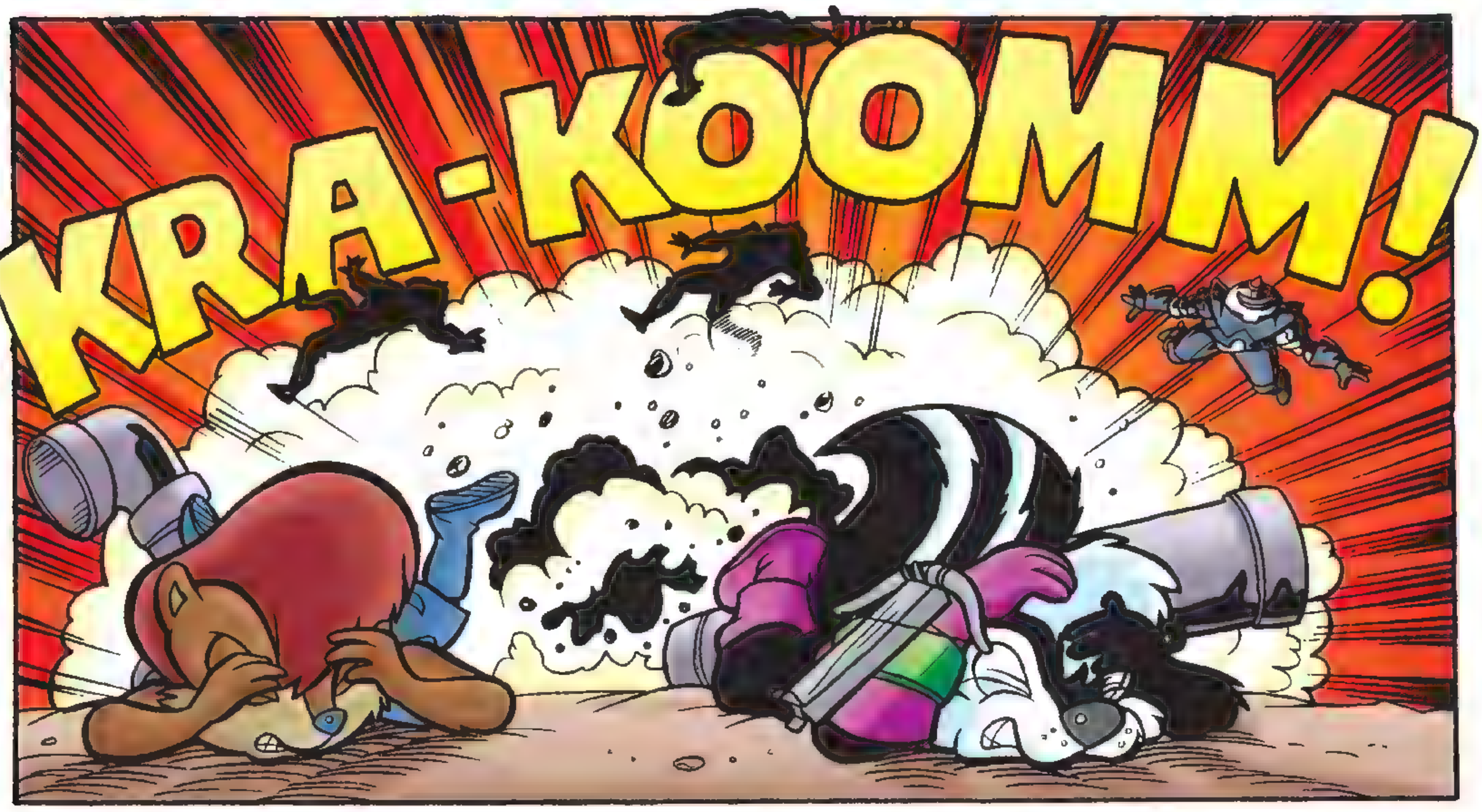

...I CAME PREPARED!!
THUMP!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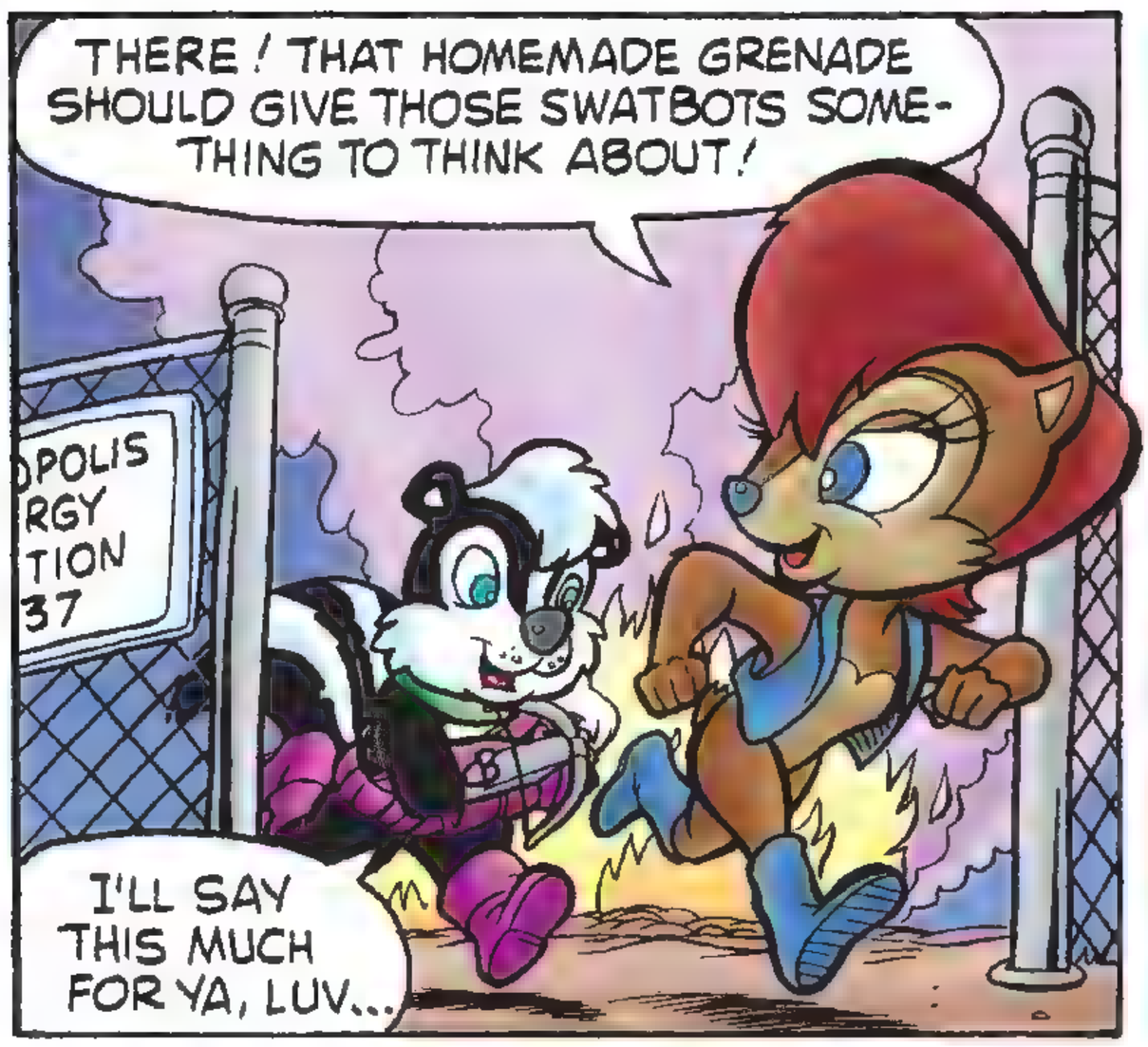
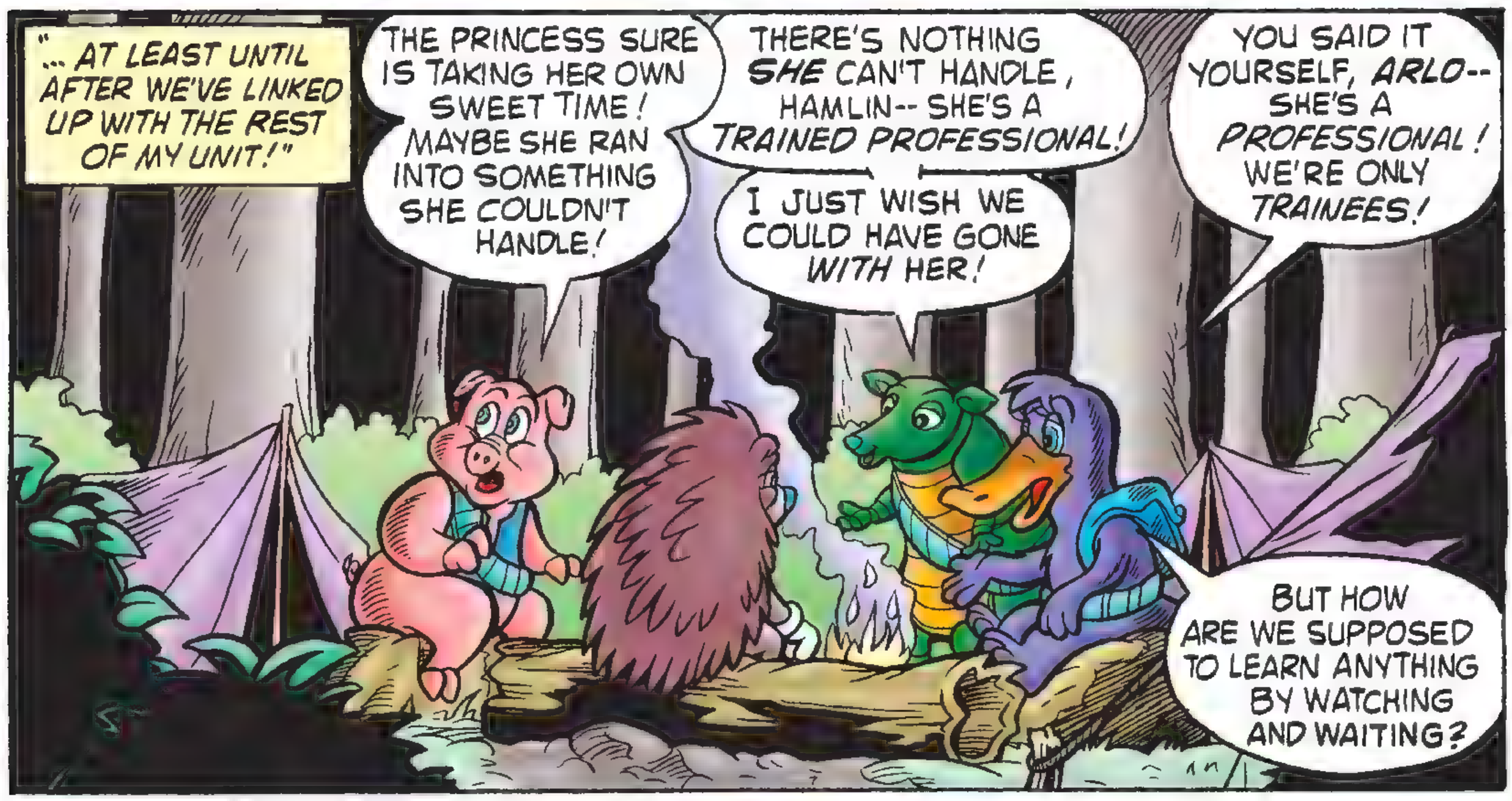
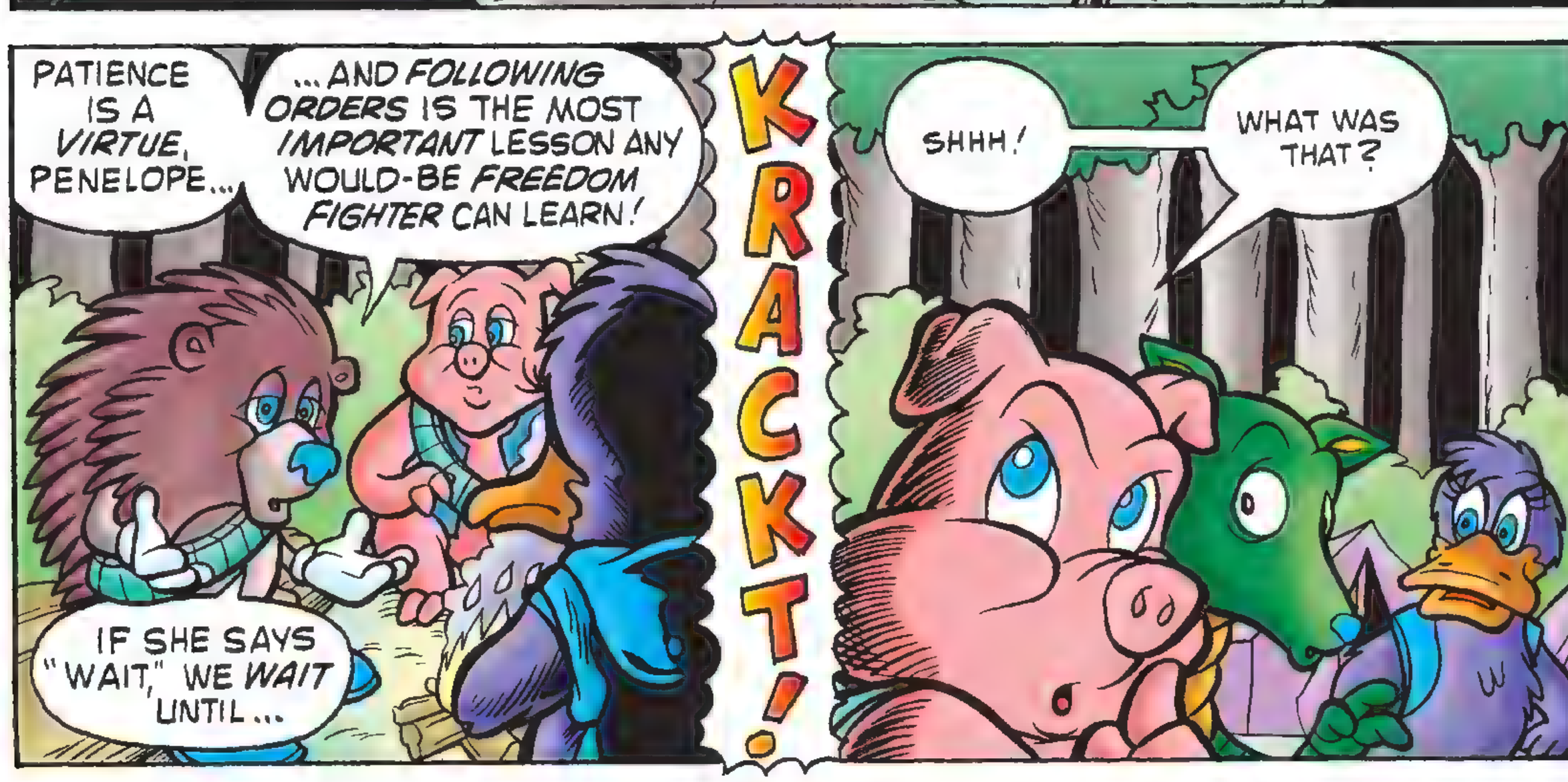

THERE! THAT HOMEMADE GRENADE SHOULD GIVE THOSE SWATBOTS SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!
I'LL SAY THIS MUCH FOR YA, LUV...

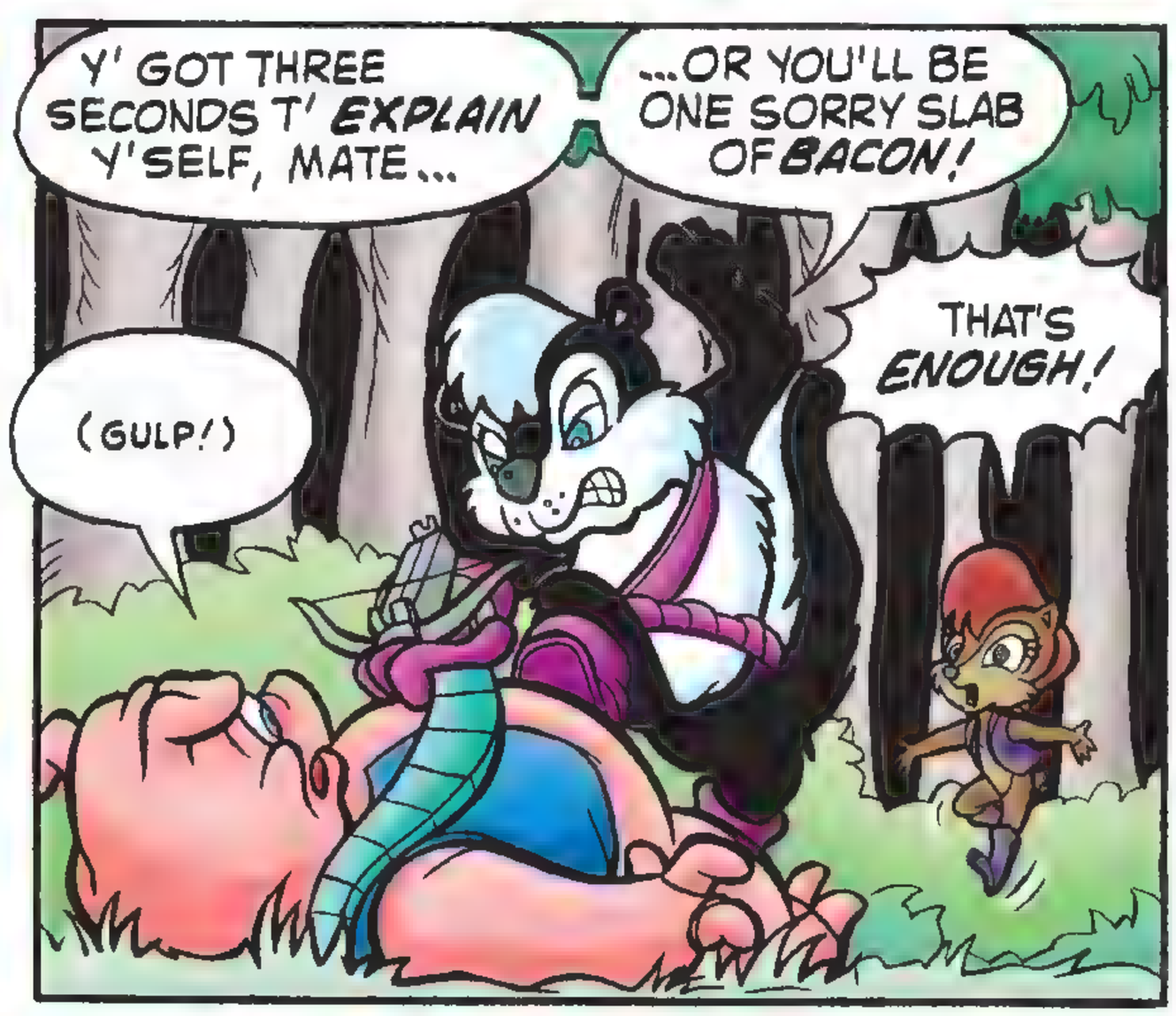
YOU'VE GOT STYLE!
SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS FOR LATER, MR. ST. JOHN...


"... AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER WE'VE LINKED UP WITH THE REST OF MY UNIT!"
THE PRINCESS SURE IS TAKING HER OWN SWEET TIME! MAYBE SHE RAN INTO SOMETHING SHE COULDN'T HANDLE!
THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN'T HANDLE, HAMLIN-- SHE'S A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL!
I JUST WISH WE COULD HAVE GONE WITH HER!
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, ARLO-- SHE'S A PROFESSIONAL! WE'RE ONLY TRAINEES!
BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LEARN ANYTHING BY WATCHING AND WAITING?

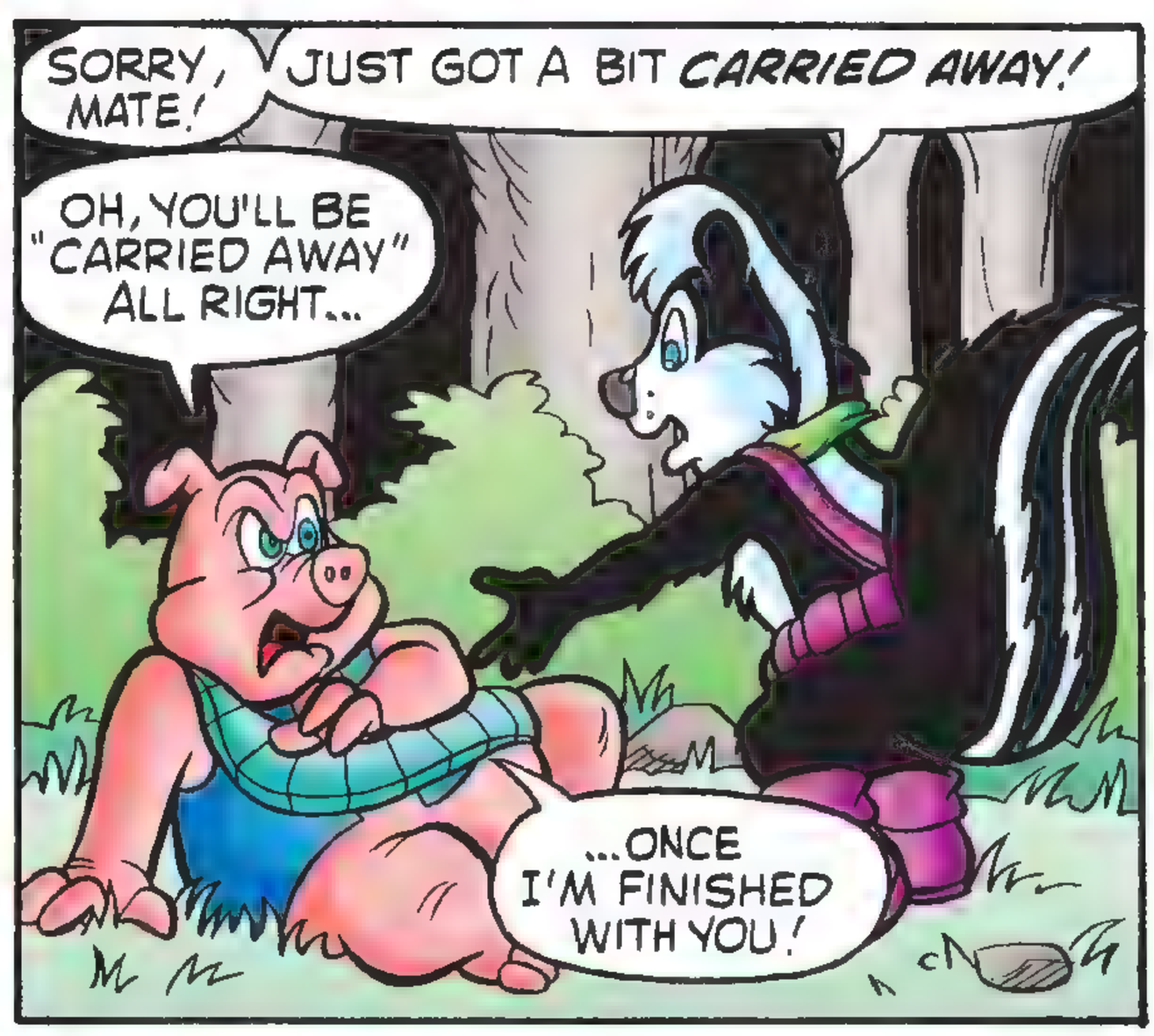

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE, PENELOPE...
... AND FOLLOWING ORDERS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON ANY WOULD-BE FREEDOM FIGHTER CAN LEARN!
IF SHE SAYS "WAIT," WE WAIT UNTIL...
KRACKT!
SHHH!
WHAT WAS THAT?

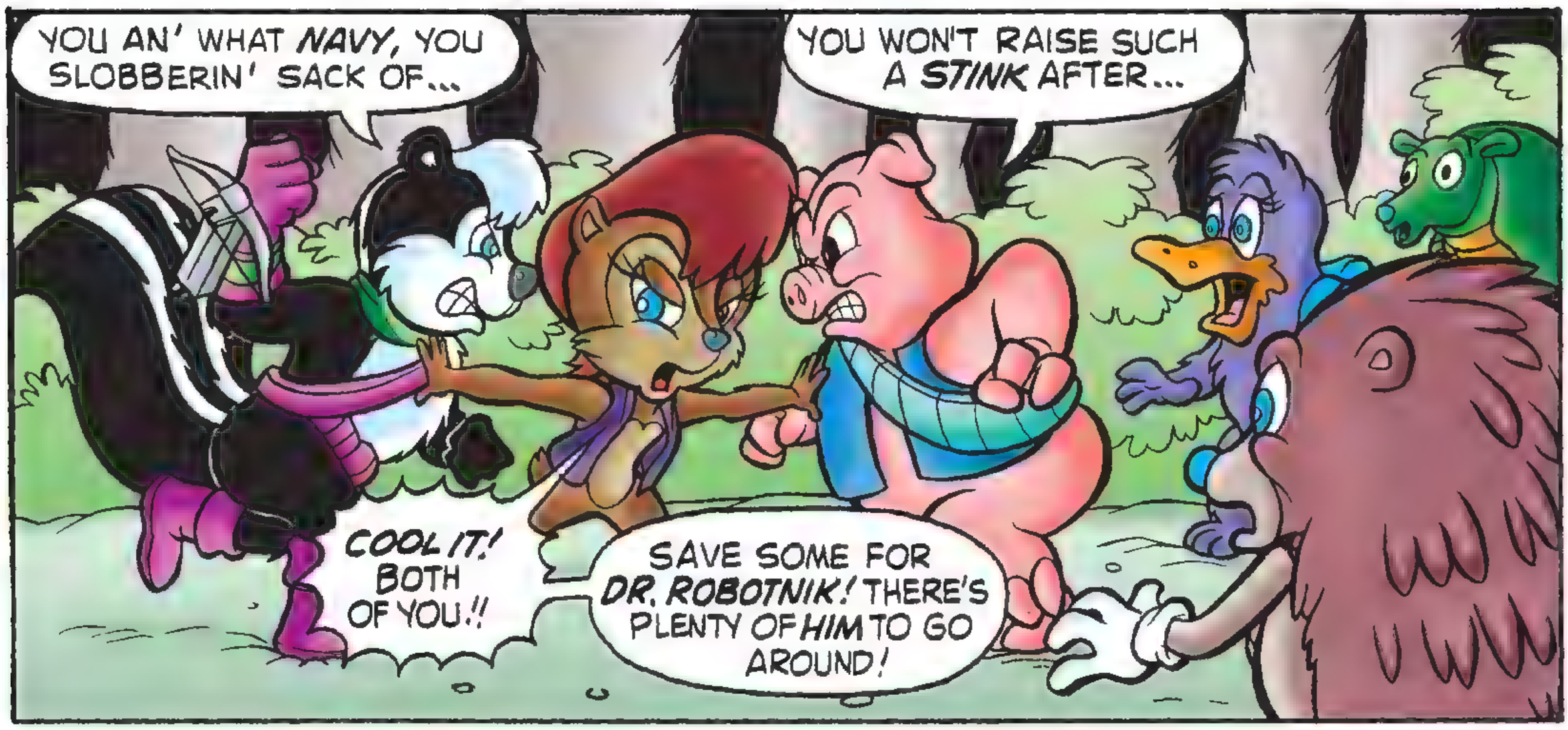
HOLEEEE !!

OOOOFF!
CRASH!
BASH!
SMASH!
KER-WHUUUMMP!
OOW!

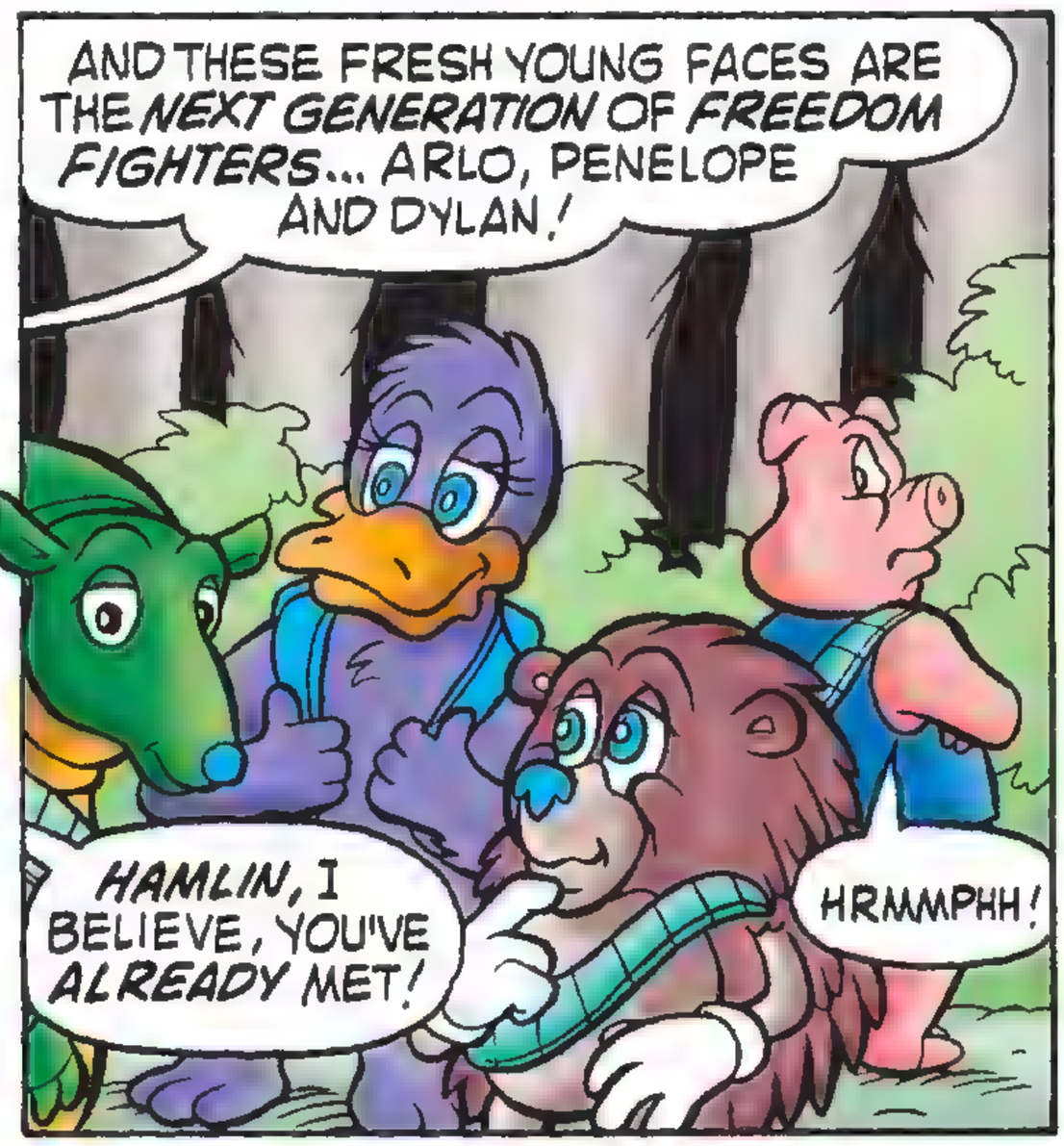

Y' GOT THREE SECONDS T' EXPLAIN Y'SELF, MATE...
...OR YOU'LL BE ONE SORRY SLAB OF BACON!
(GULP!)
THAT'S ENOUGH!

GET OFF OF HIM, GEOFFREY! THEY'RE WITH ME! WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE, AFTER ALL!


SORRY, MATE!
JUST GOT A BIT CARRIED AWAY!
OH, YOU'LL BE "CARRIED AWAY" ALL RIGHT...
...ONCE I'M FINISHED WITH YOU!

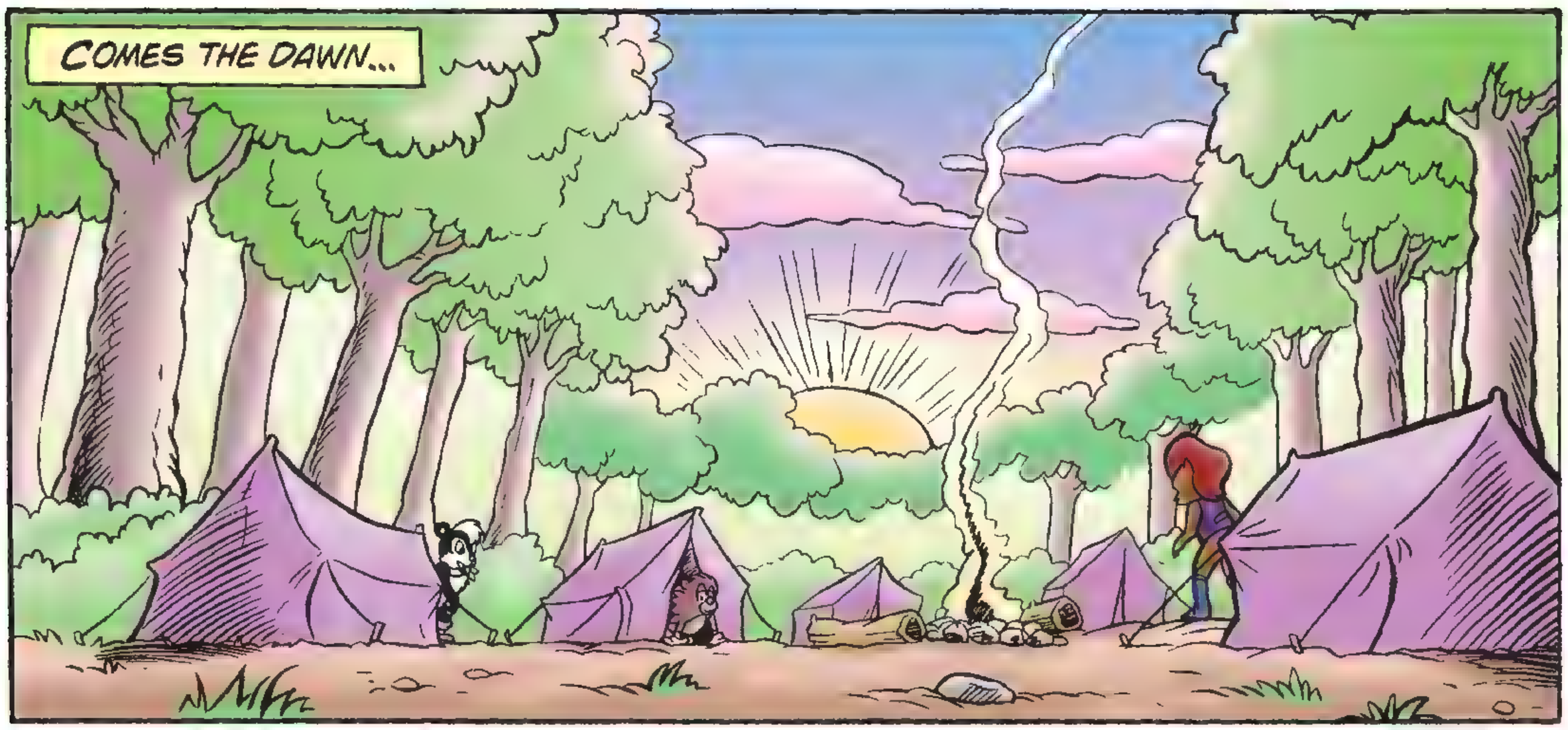

YOU AN' WHAT NAVY, YOU SLOBBERIN' SACK OF...
YOU WON'T RAISE SUCH A STINK AFTER...
COOL IT! BOTH OF YOU!!
SAVE SOME FOR DR. ROBOTNIK! THERE'S PLENTY OF HIM TO GO AROUND!

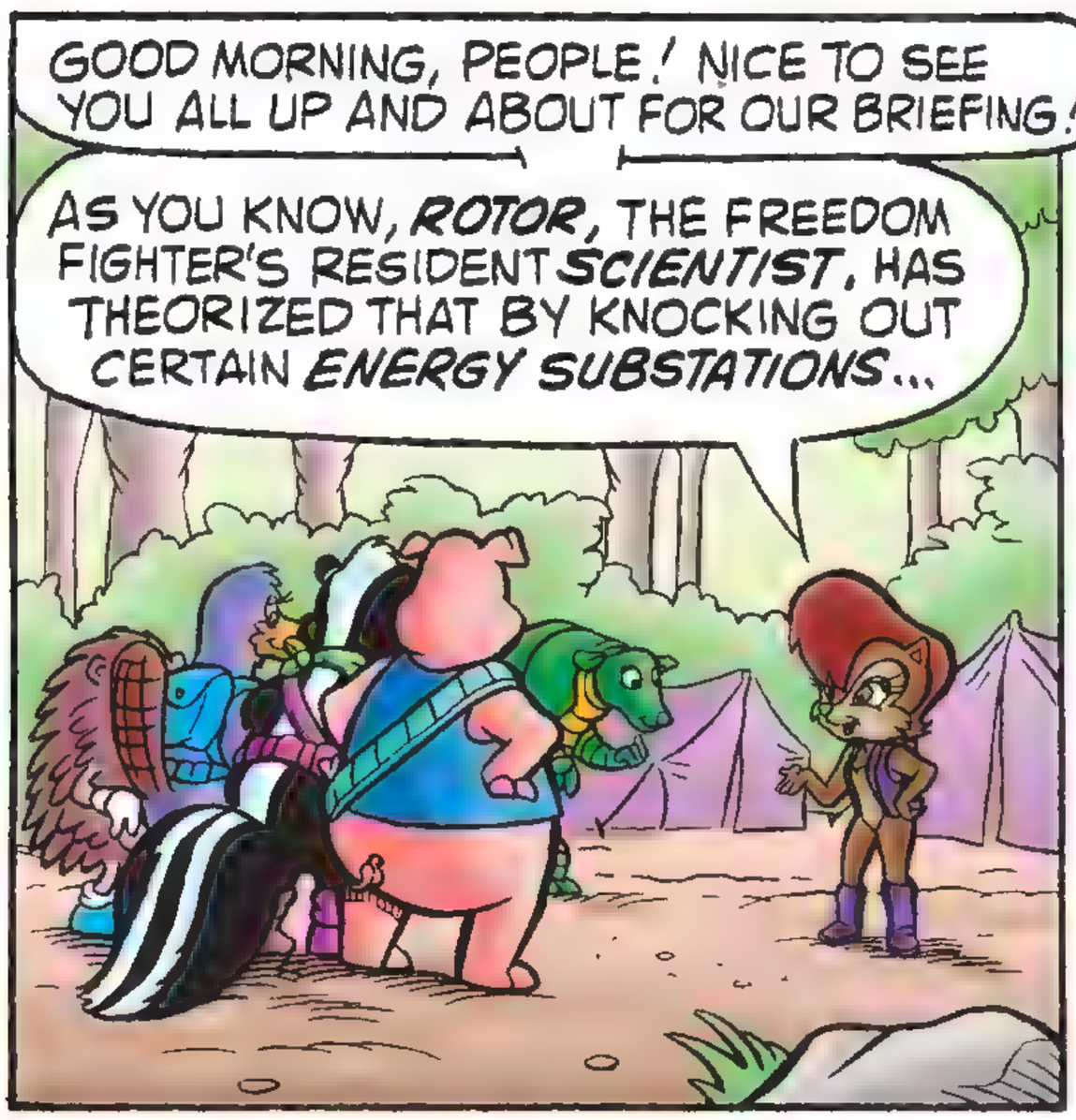
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIS IS GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE LEADER OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND! HE'LL BE JOINING US ON OUR MISSION!
PLEASURE T' MEET YOU!

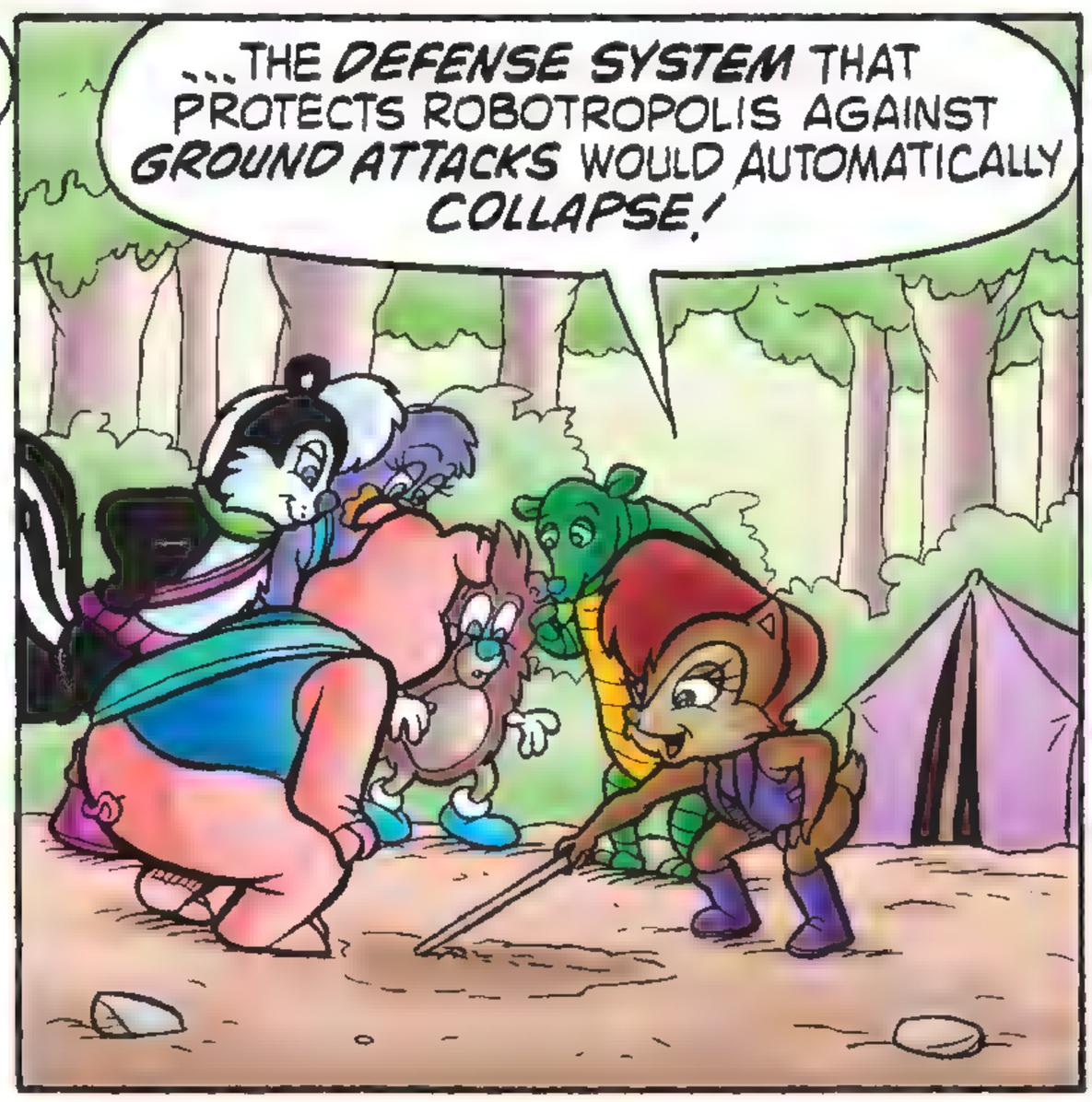

AND THESE FRESH YOUNG FACES ARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS... ARLO, PENELOPE AND DYLAN!
HAMLIN, I BELIEVE, YOU'VE ALREADY MET!
HRMMPHH!

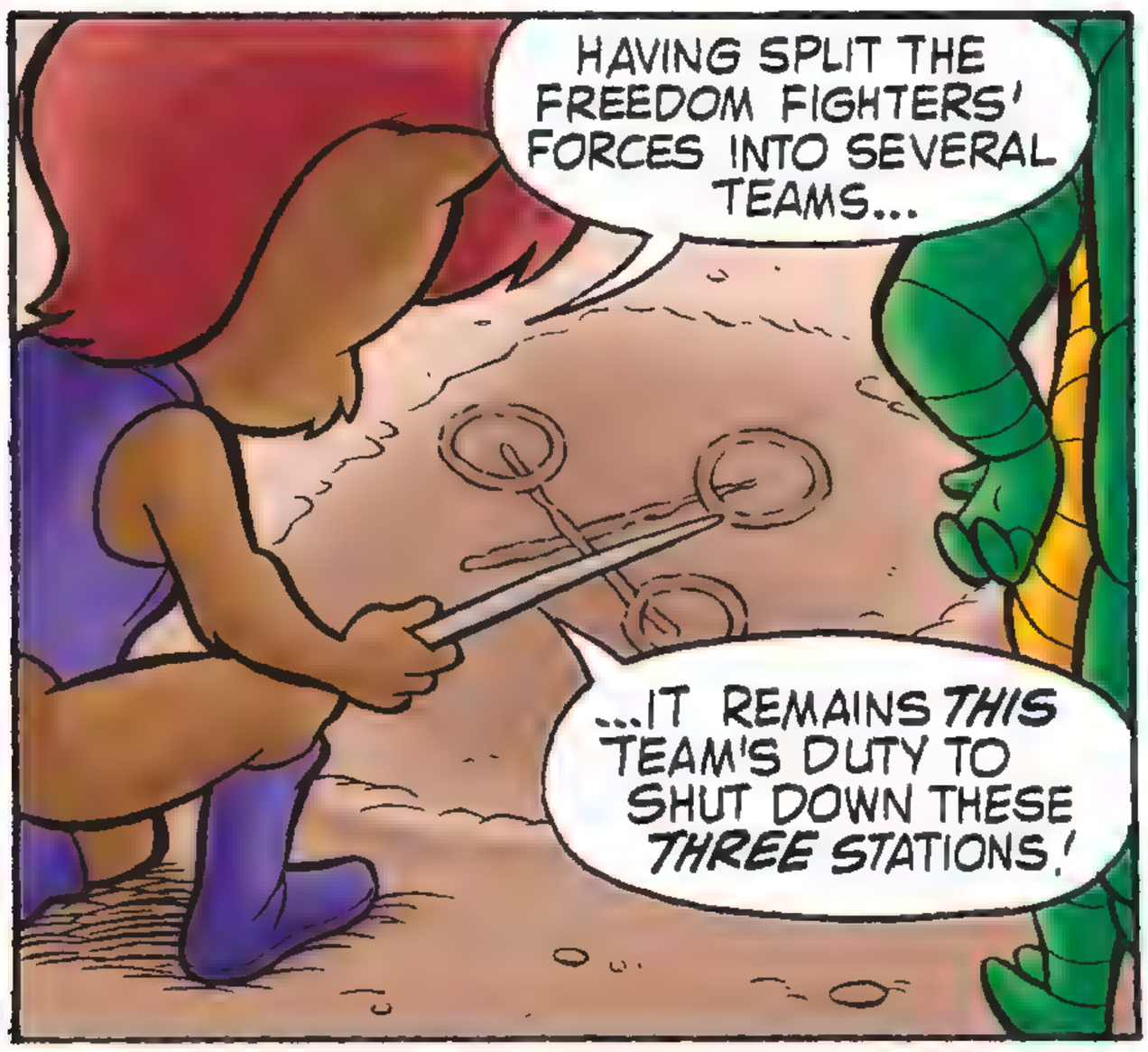
NOW, LET'S ALL GET SOME SHUT-EYE! WE HAVE A FULL DAY AHEAD OF US TOMORROW...
...AND I WANT TO FILL GEOFFREY IN ON OUR PLAN!

THE PRINCESS MAY BUY YOUR "HERO" ACT, PRETTY BOY...
BUT I DON'T!
WELL, AIN'T THAT TOO BLEEDIN' BAD!

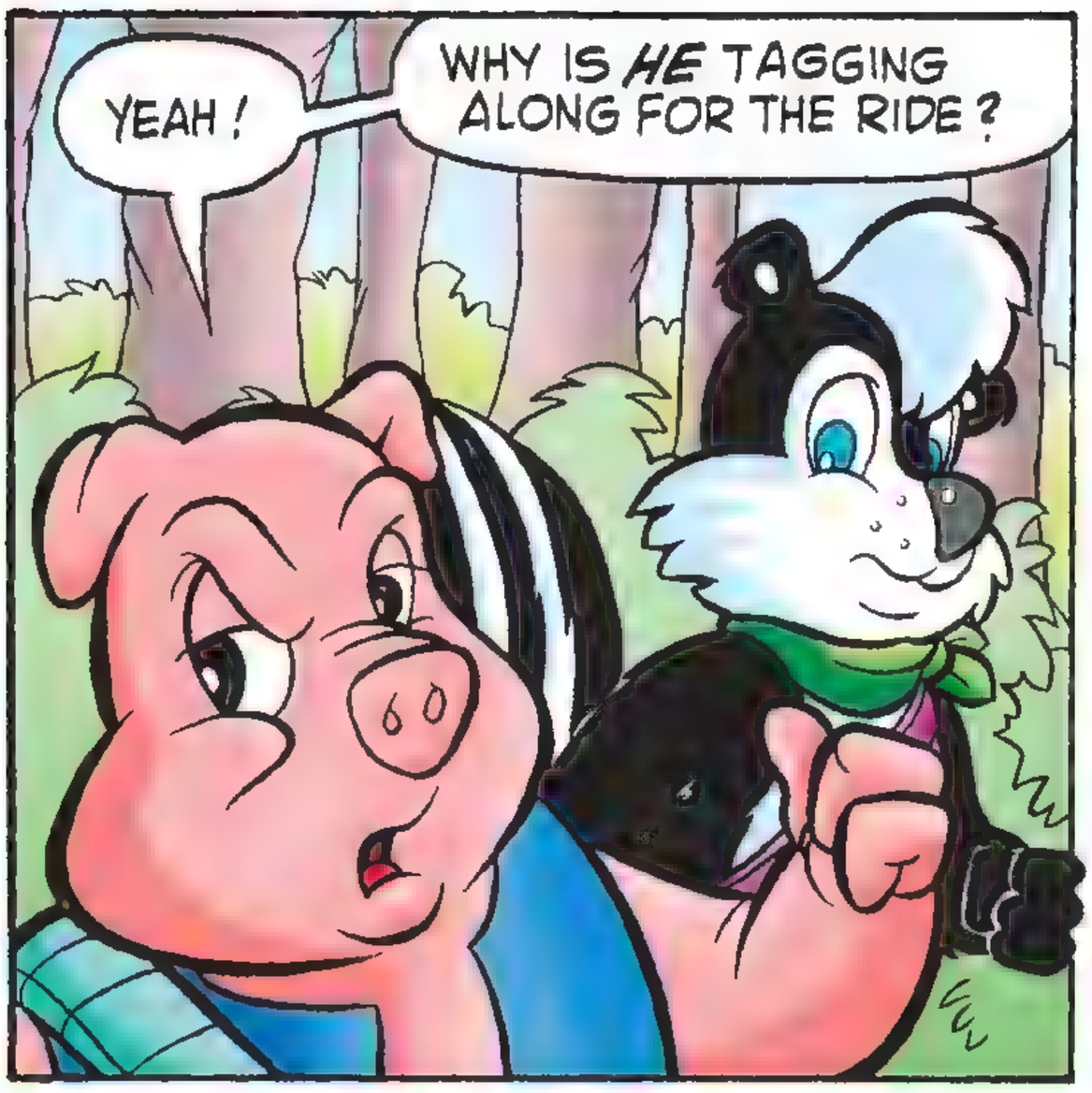

COMES THE DAWN...

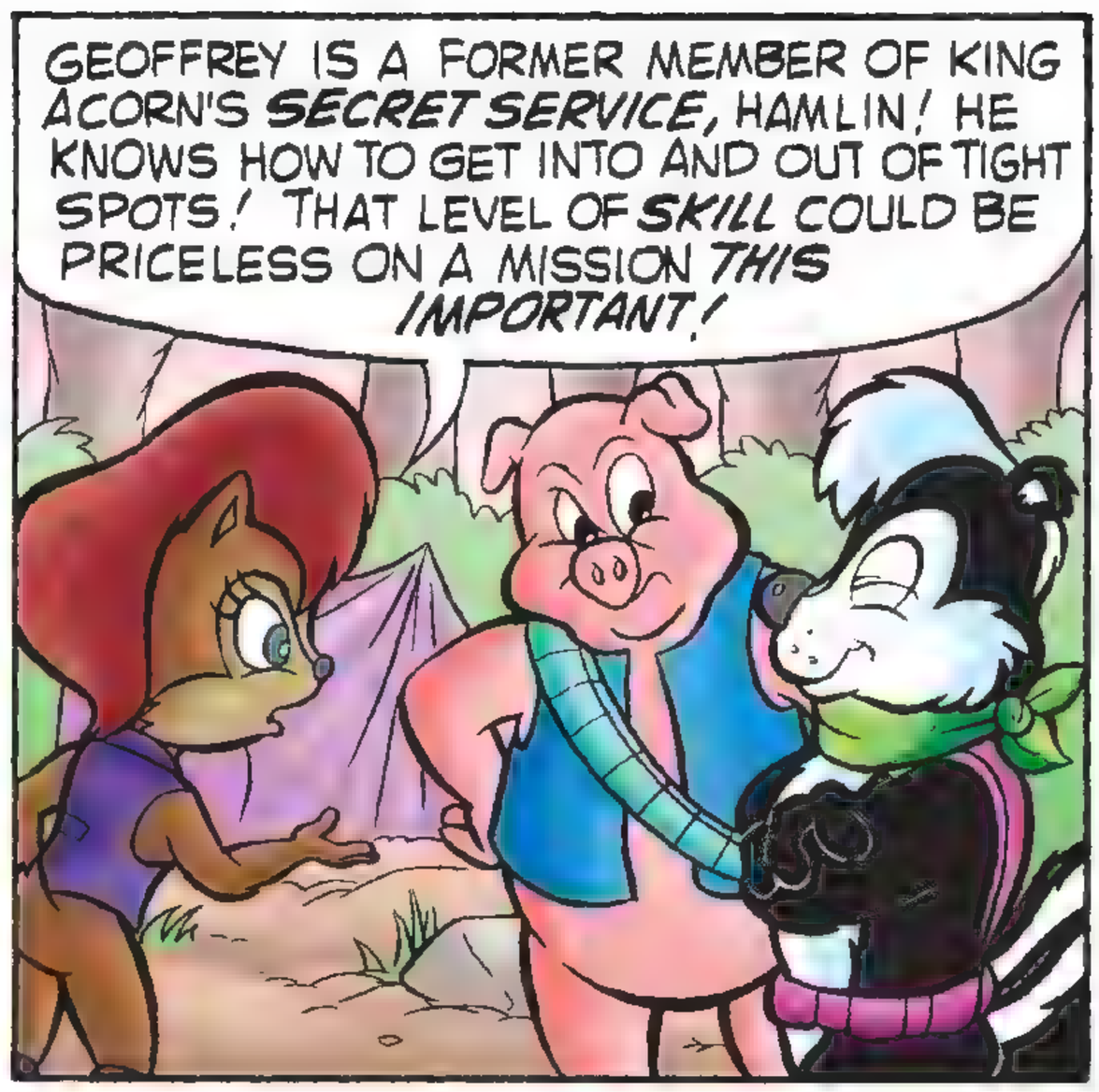

GOOD MORNING, PEOPLE! NICE TO SEE YOU ALL UP AND ABOUT FOR OUR BRIEFING!
AS YOU KNOW, ROTOR, THE FREEDOM FIGHTER'S RESIDENT SCIENTIST, HAS THEORIZED THAT BY KNOCKING OUT CERTAIN ENERGY SUBSTATIONS...


...THE DEFENSE SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS ROBOTROPOLIS AGAINST GROUND ATTACKS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY COLLAPSE!


HAVING SPLIT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' FORCES INTO SEVERAL TEAMS...
...IT REMAINS THIS TEAM'S DUTY TO SHUT DOWN THESE THREE STATIONS!

WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN OUT THE FIRST ONE--
-- AND TODAY WE PROCEED TO THE SECOND!
ANY QUESTIONS?


YEAH!
WHY IS HE TAGGING ALONG FOR THE RIDE?


GEOFFREY IS A FORMER MEMBER OF KING ACORN'S SECRET SERVICE, HAMLIN! HE KNOWS HOW TO GET INTO AND OUT OF TIGHT SPOTS! THAT LEVEL OF SKILL COULD BE PRICELESS ON A MISSION THIS IMPORTANT!

WATCH HIM...
...AND MAYBE YOU'LL LEARN SOMETHING!

YOU HEARD THE LADY, PAL! KEEP THOSE PEEPERS PEELED!
OH, I INTEND TO, PAL!
I INTEND TO!

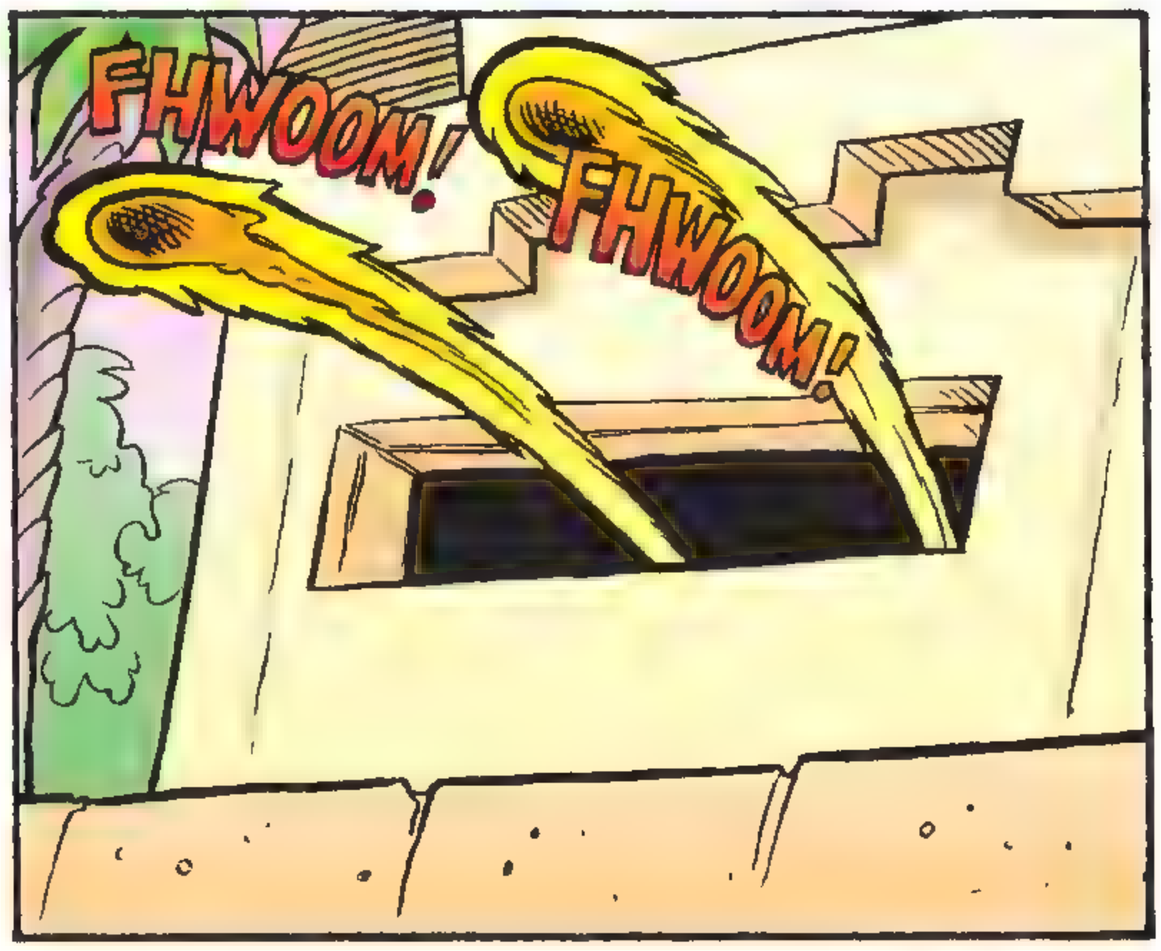
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
NO?
GOOD!
THEN PREPARE TO MOVE OUT!

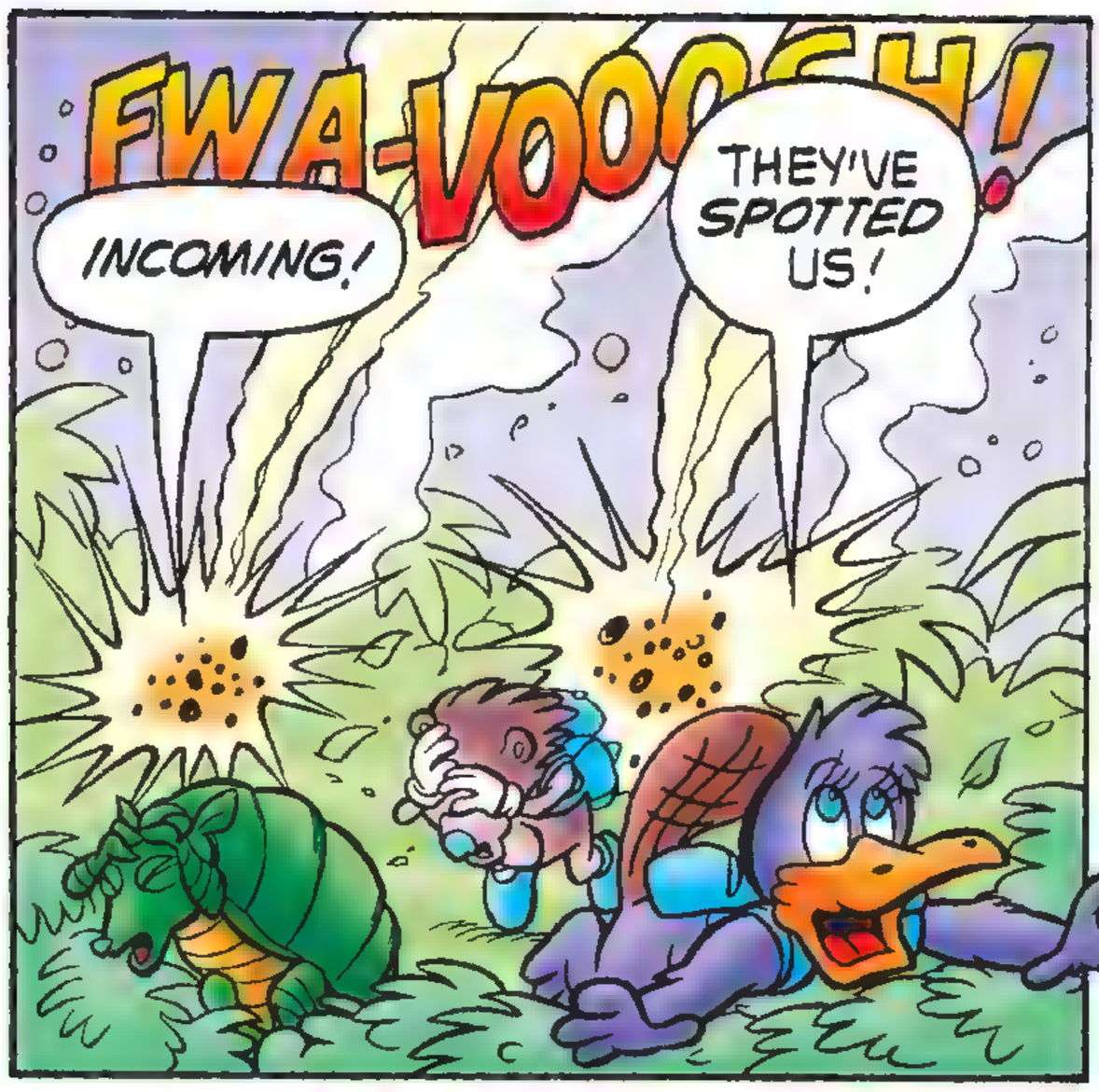
OUR NEXT TARGET IS LOCATED DUE NORTH...

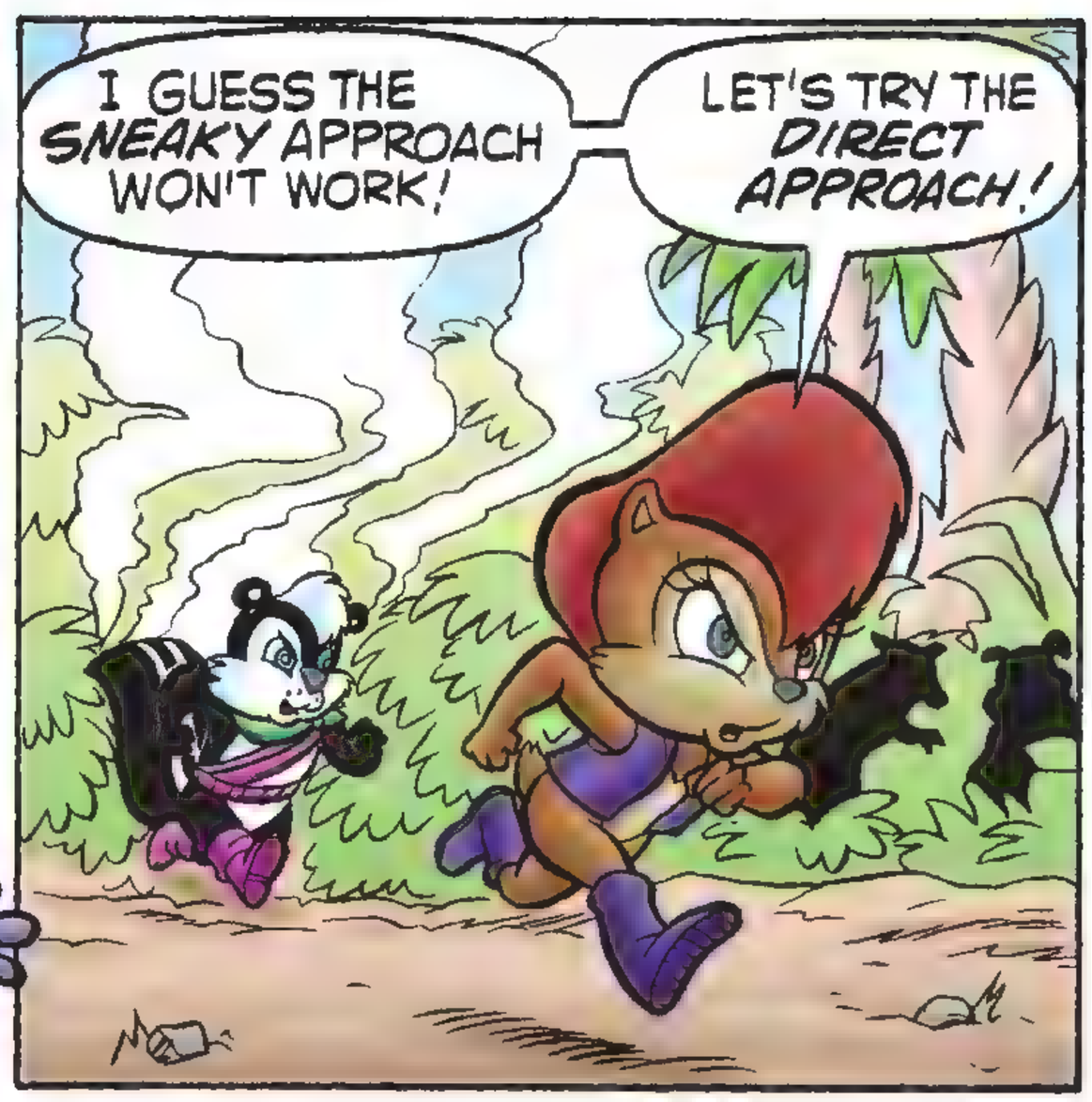
"... AT THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST!"
THERE IT IS!
SSSLAAASH!

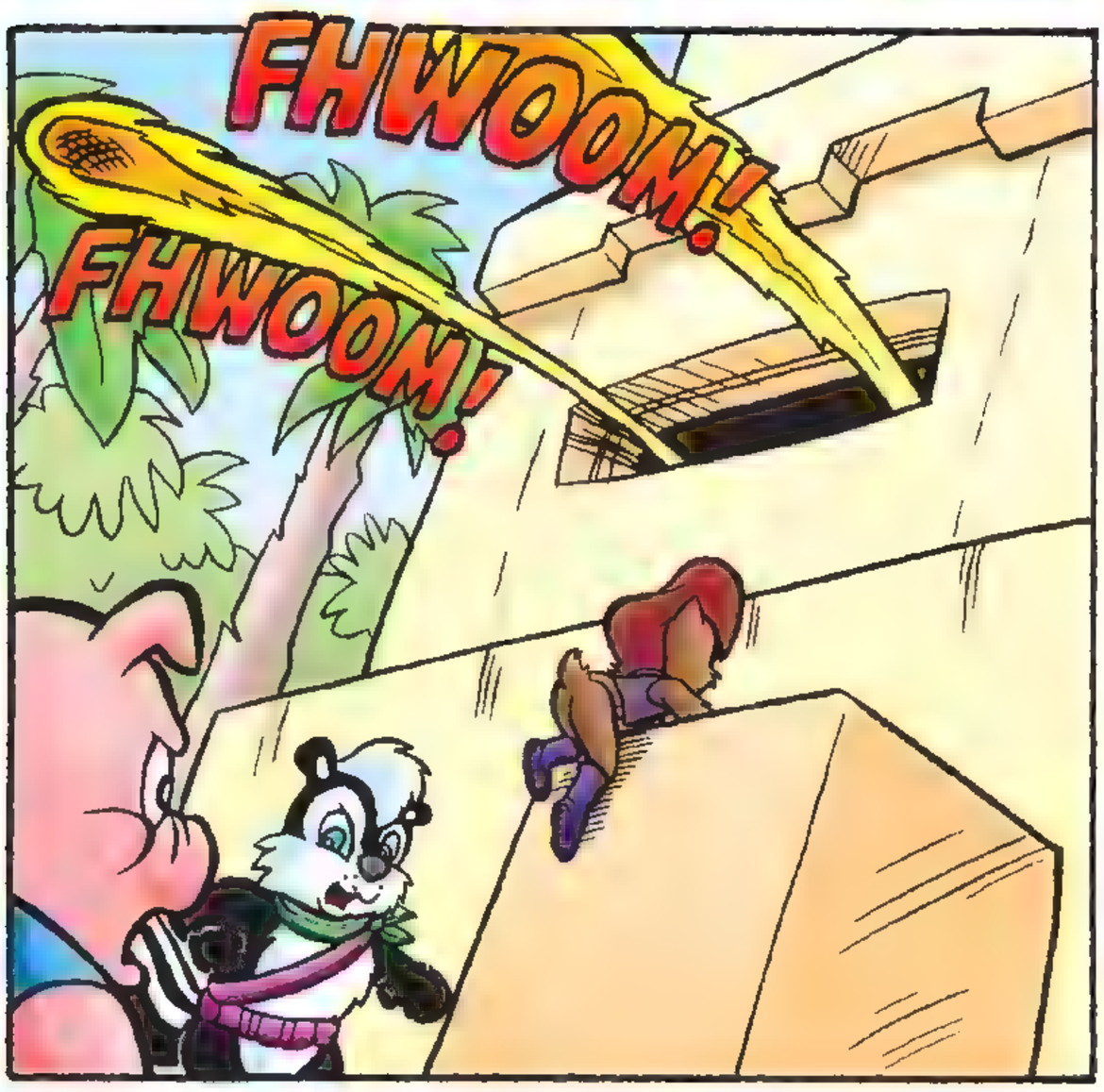
WOW! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT PLACE!
IT'S REALLY BIG!
I DON'T SEE ANY GUARDS!
IT'S THE THINGS YOU DON'T SEE THAT ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS, DYLAN!
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT PAST WITHOUT BEING DETECTED!

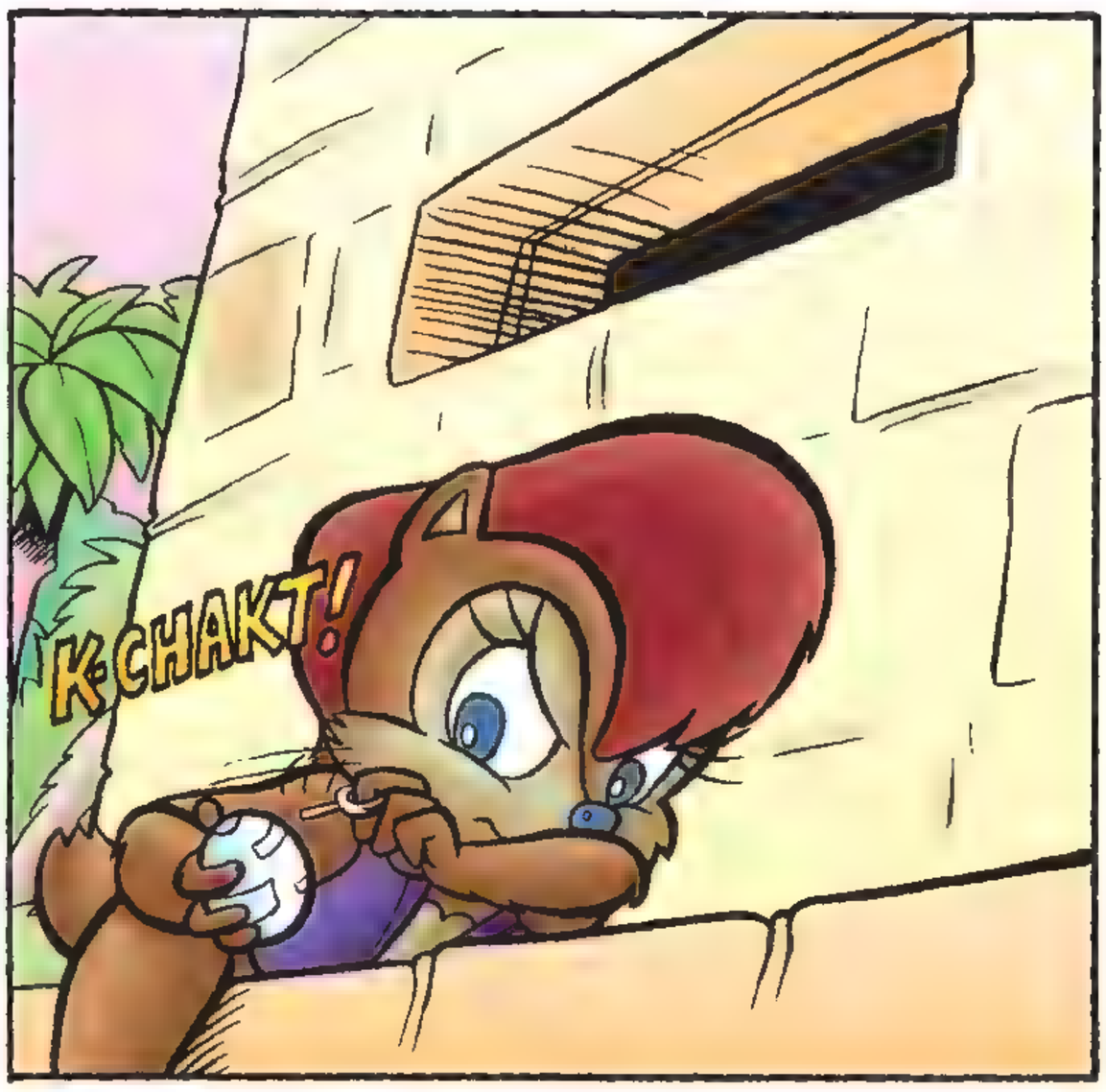
EITHER WAY, WE'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT!
FOLLOW ME! WE'LL SLIP AROUND THE BACK, BEFORE...



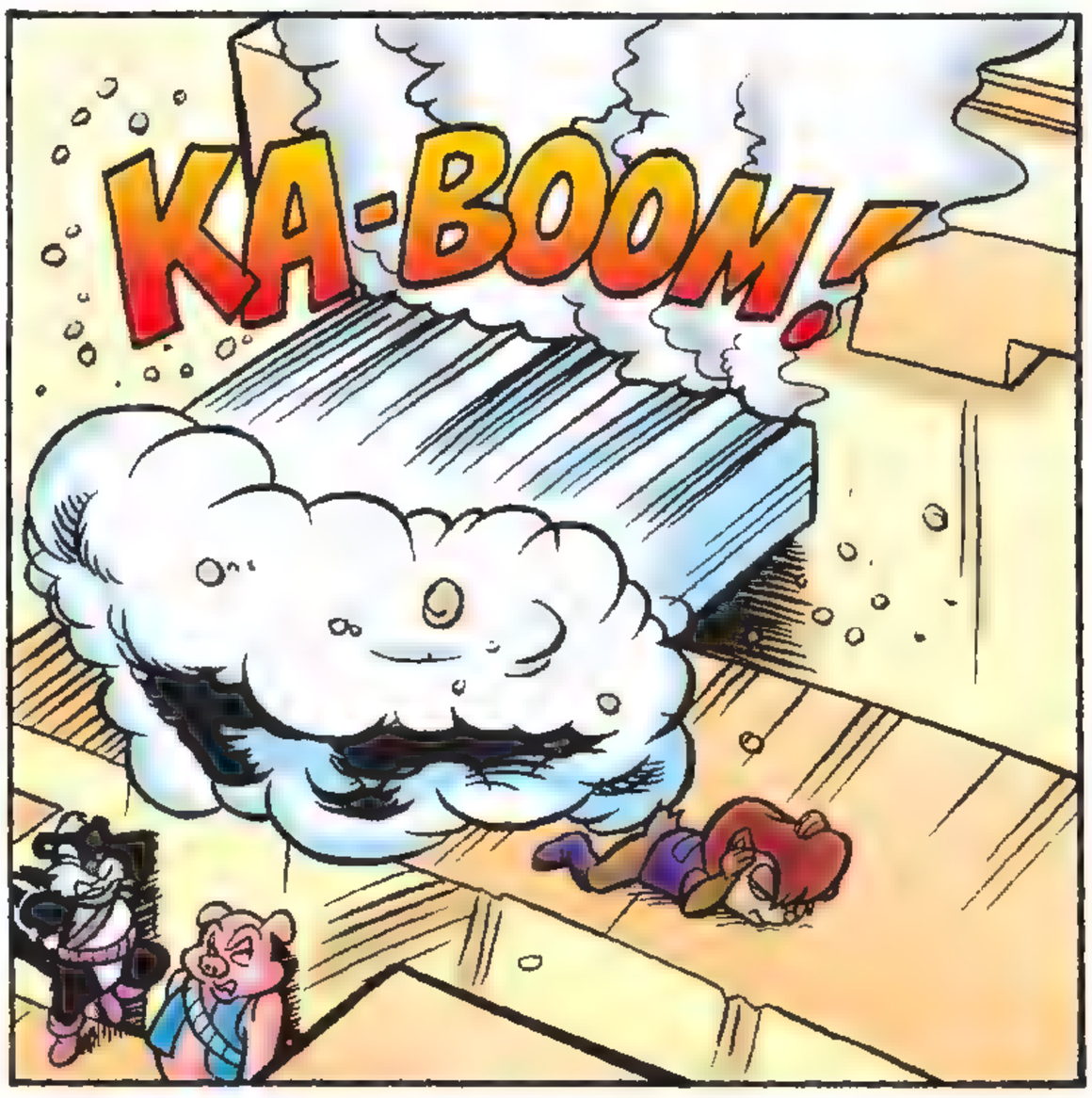

FWA-VOOOSH!
INCOMING!
THEY'VE SPOTTED US!


I GUESS THE SNEAKY APPROACH WON'T WORK!
LET'S TRY THE DIRECT APPROACH!


FHWOOM!
FHWOOM!


K-CHAKT!

SWOOSH!


KA-BOOM!

MUCH BETTER!
COVER ME WHILE I CRACK THE LOCK ON THIS ACCESS PANEL!

KLIKT
SWIIISH!

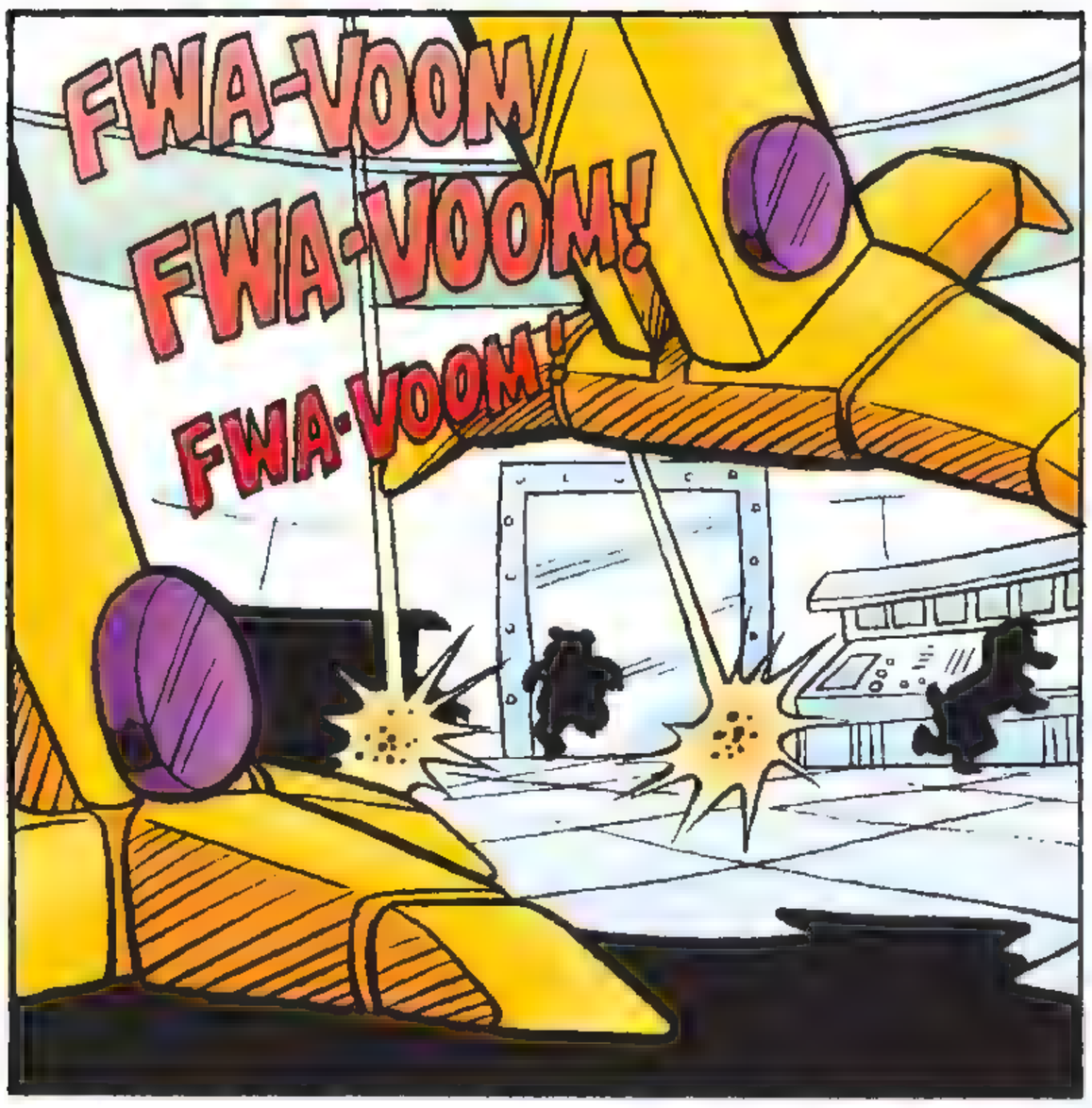
TYPICAL!
THE SWATBOTS ALWAYS GO TO PIECES IN A CRISIS!

LET'S HOPE THE SAME CAN BE SAID...
TAPPETY-TAP TAP-TAP-TAP

K-CHUKT!
...FOR THE ENTIRE BUILDING!
THERE!

THAT VIRUS I'VE FED INTO THE SECURITY SYSTEM SHOULD GIVE THE SELF-DESTRUCT MECHANISM SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT UNTIL WE...
THOOMP!
DID YOU HEAR THAT?

WH-WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S GETTING CLOSER!
ANY IDEA WHAT IT COULD BE?
I DON'T KNOW, PENELOPE!
I...
DON'T...
...KNOW...
THOOMP! THOOMP! THOOMP!
FWA-VOOM! FWA-VOOM!
ORB-BOTS!


FWA-VOOM
FWA-VOOM!
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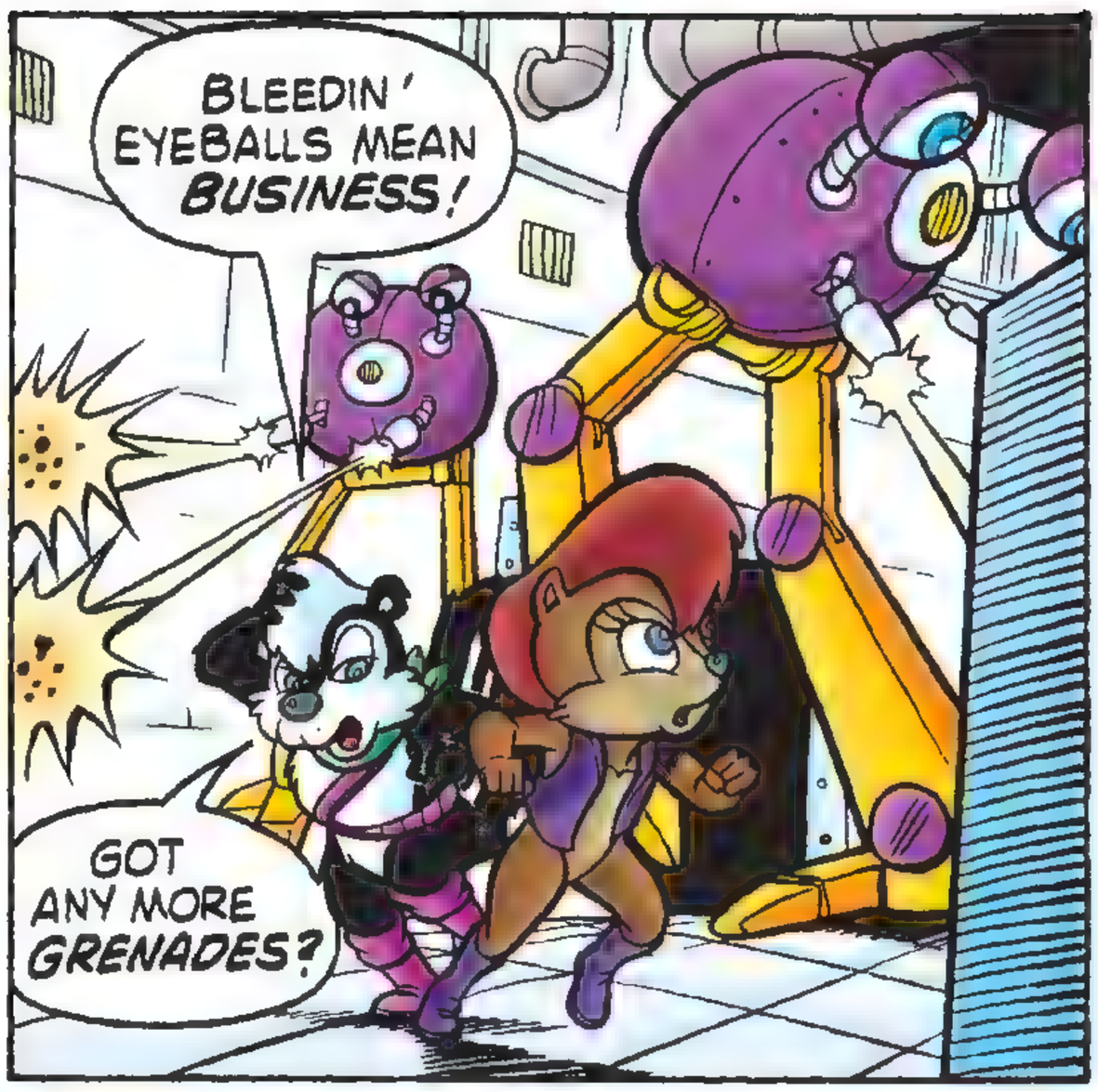
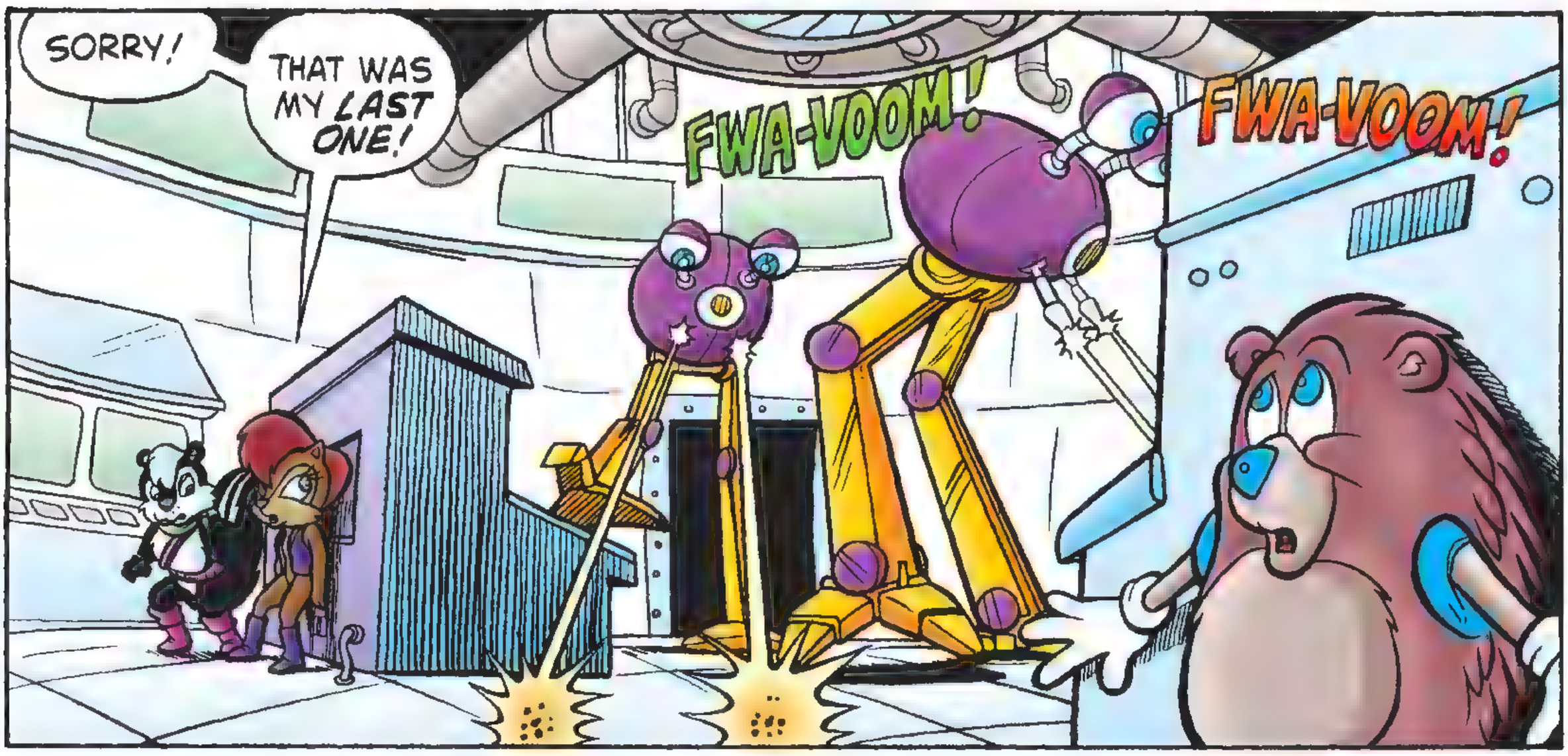
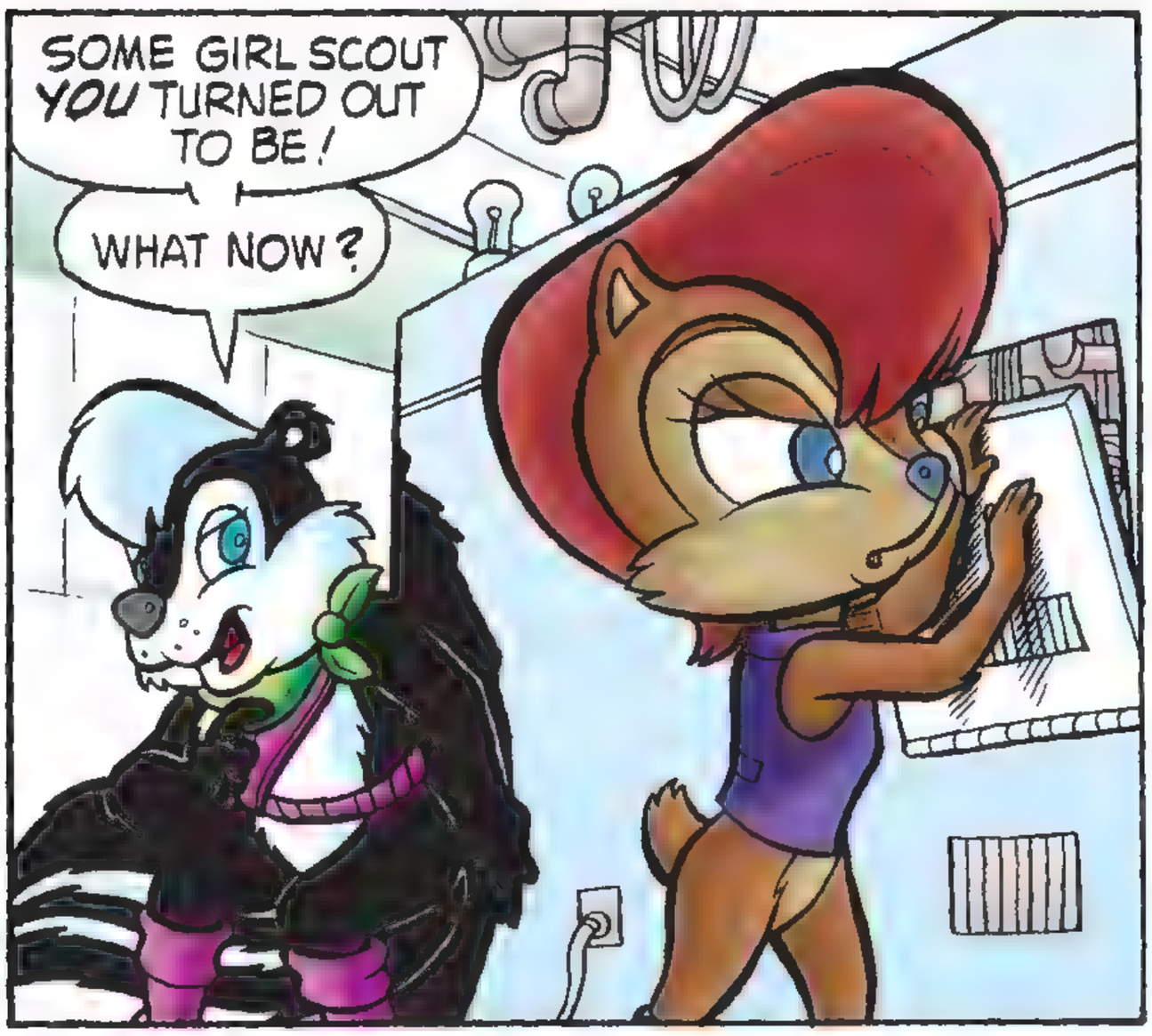
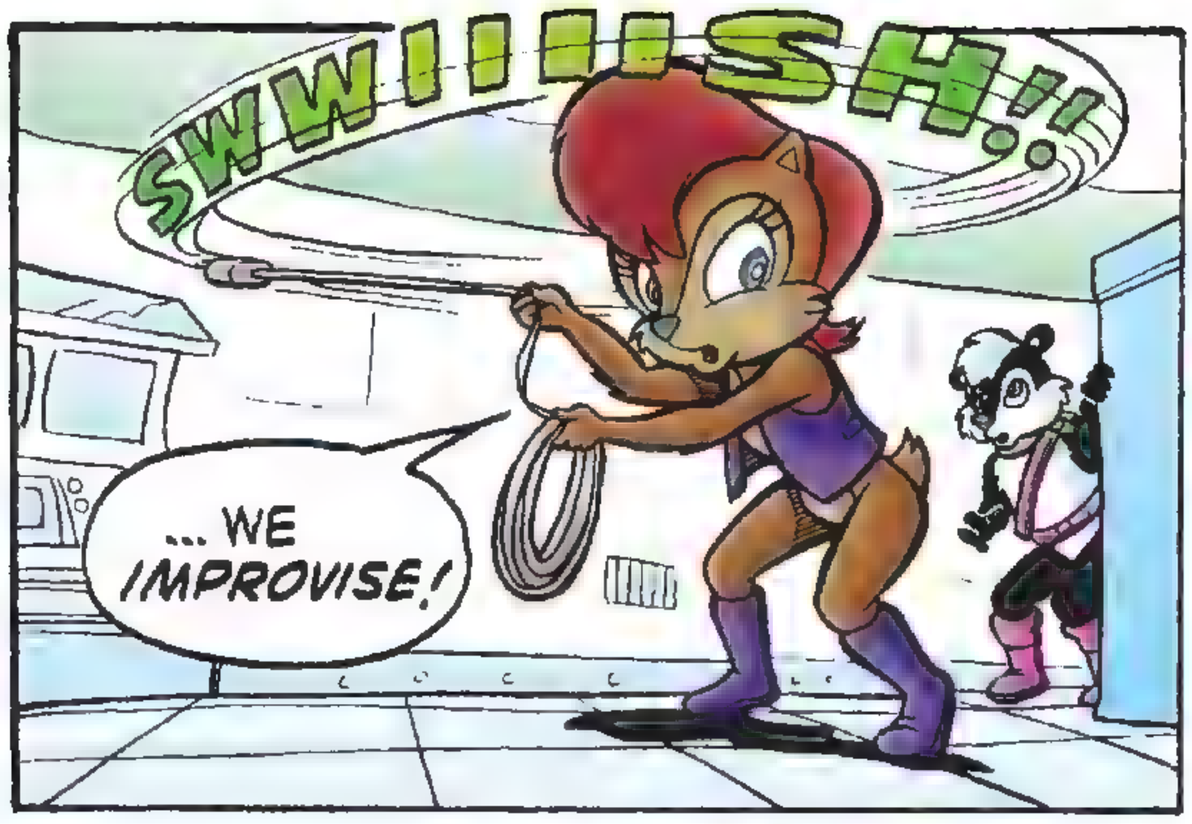
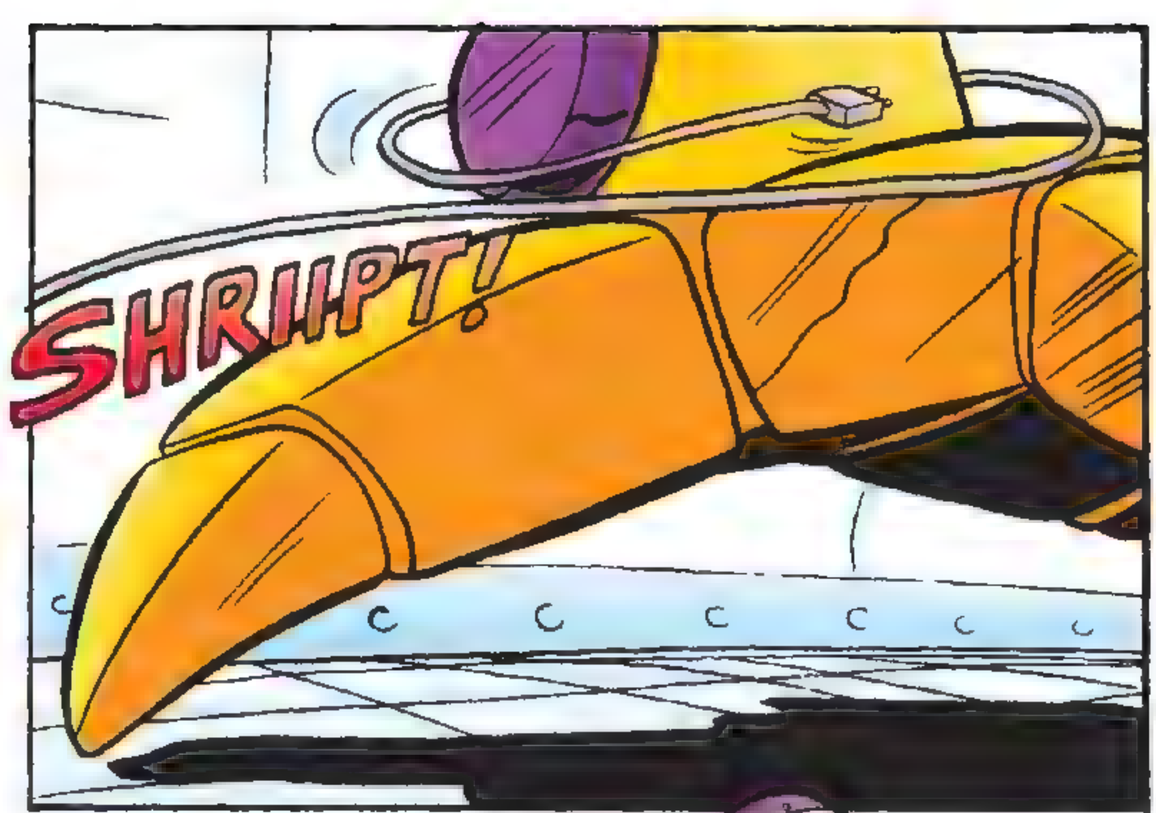

BLEEDIN' EYEBALLS MEAN BUSINESS!
GOT ANY MORE GRENADES?


SORRY!
THAT WAS MY LAST ONE!
FWA-VOOM!
FWA-VOOM!

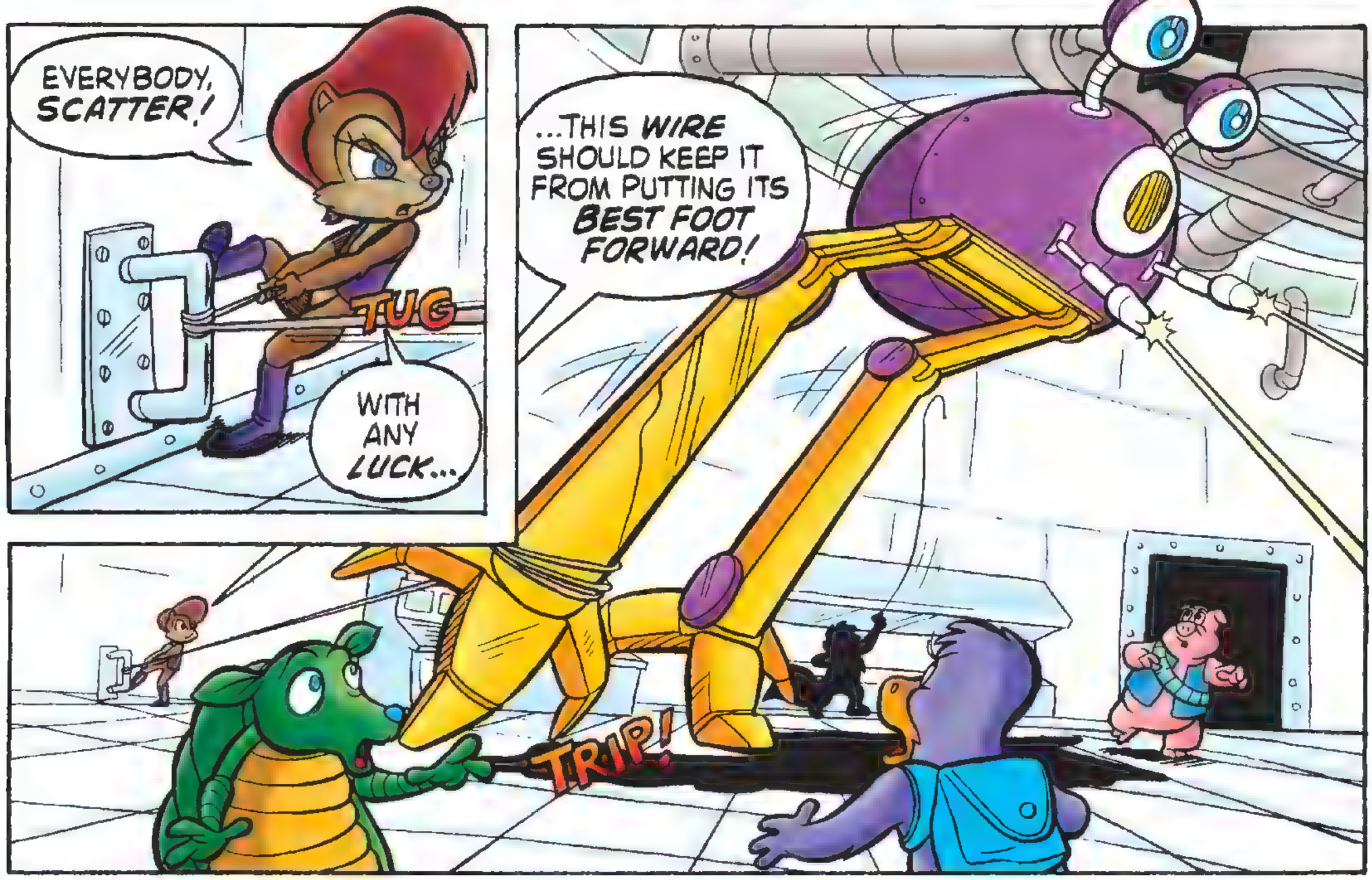

SOME GIRL SCOUT YOU TURNED OUT TO BE!
WHAT NOW?

NOW -- WE TAKE A PAGE OUT OF YOUR BOOK, GEOFFREY...
RRRIIIPP!

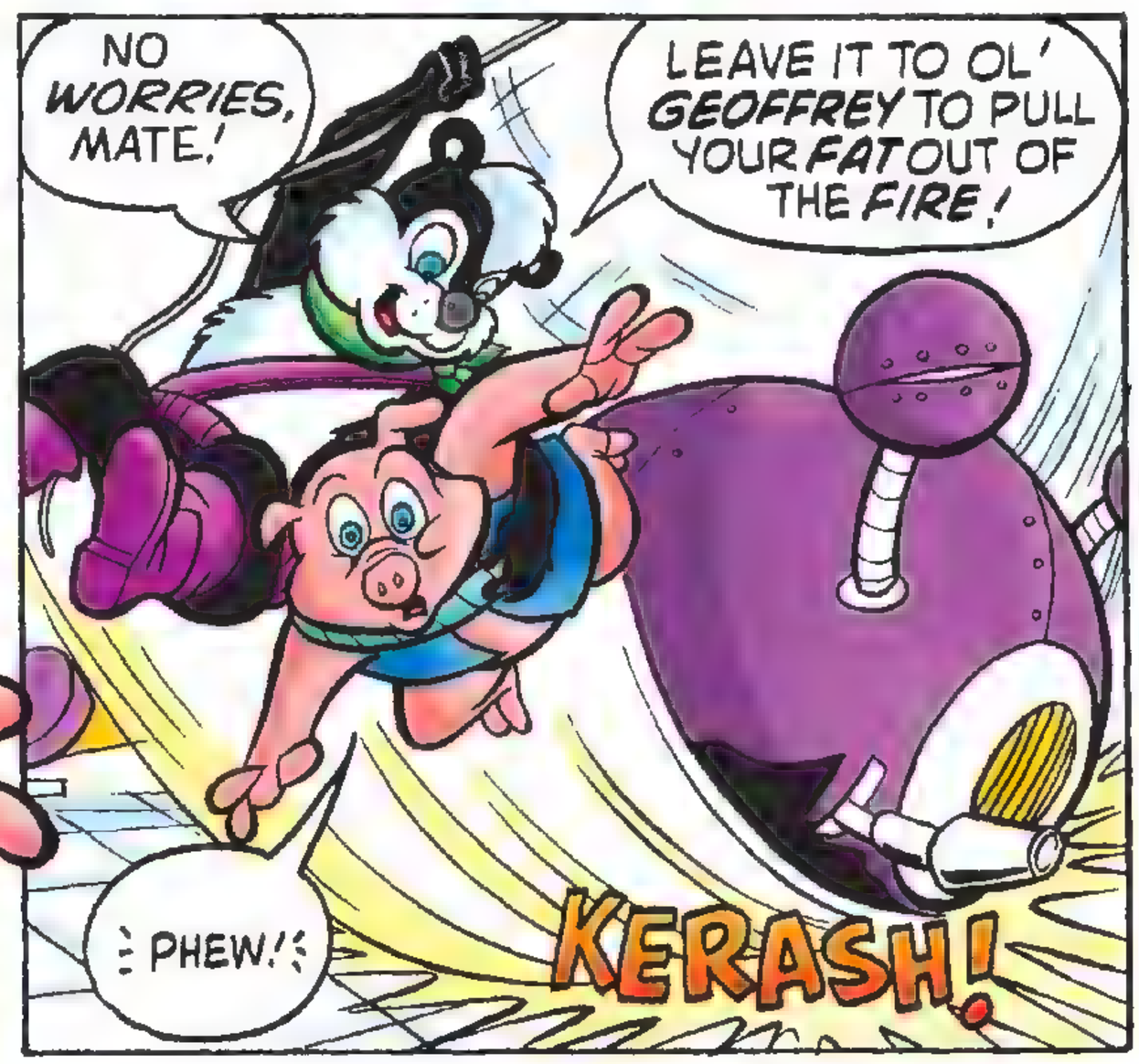

SWWIIIISH!!
... WE IMPROVISE!

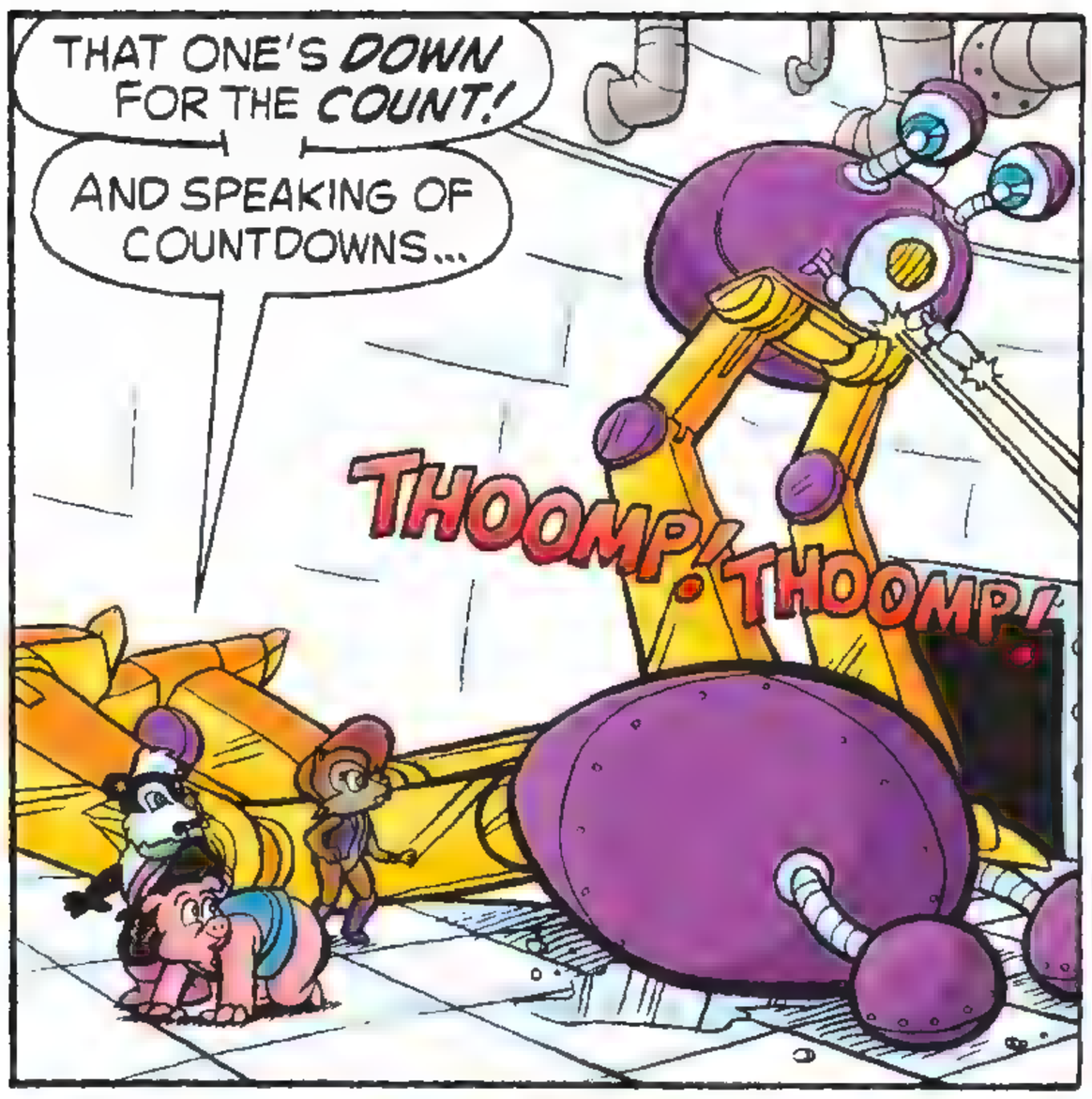

SHRIIPT!

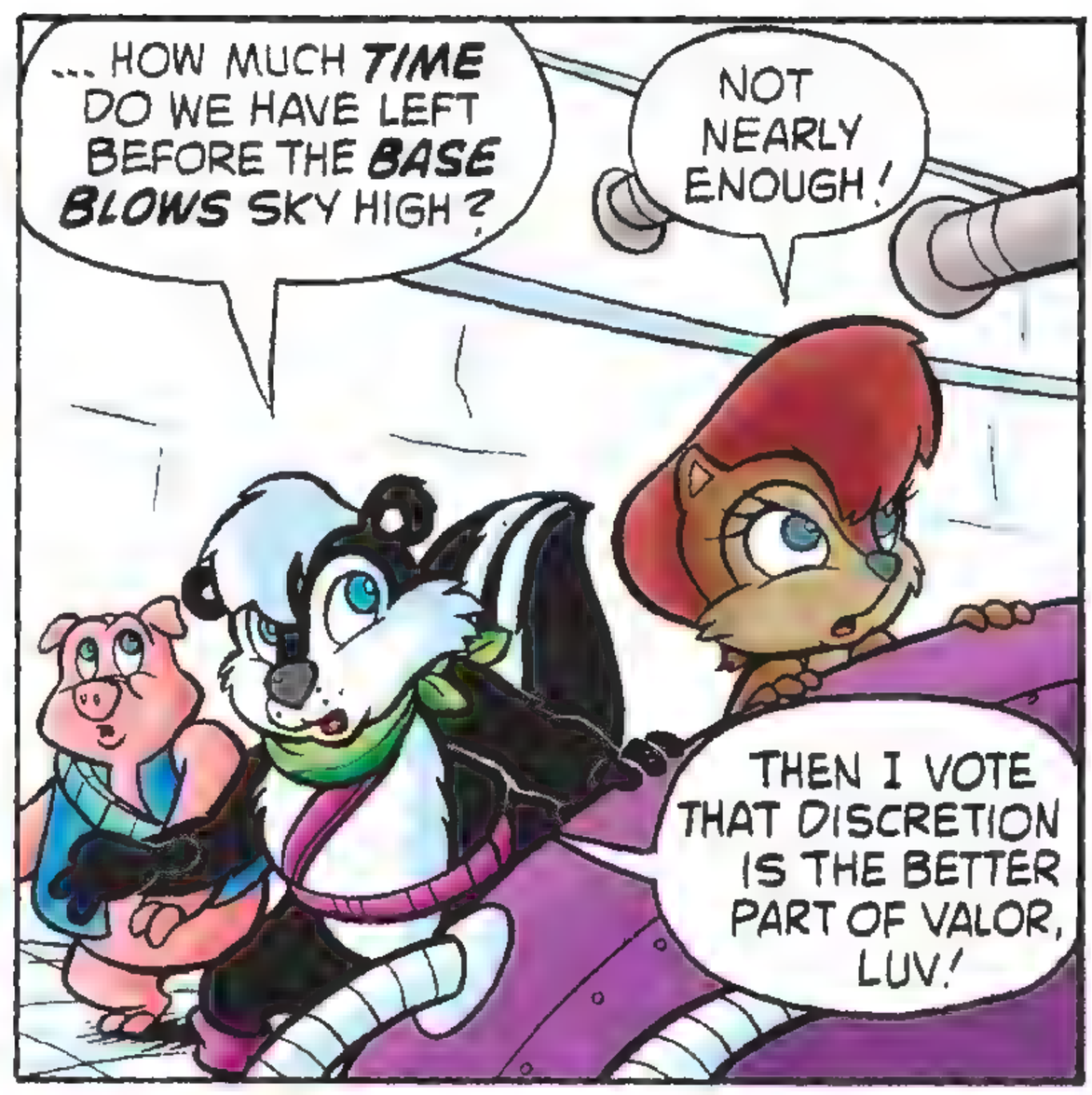
EVERYBODY, SCATTER!
TUG
WITH ANY LUCK...

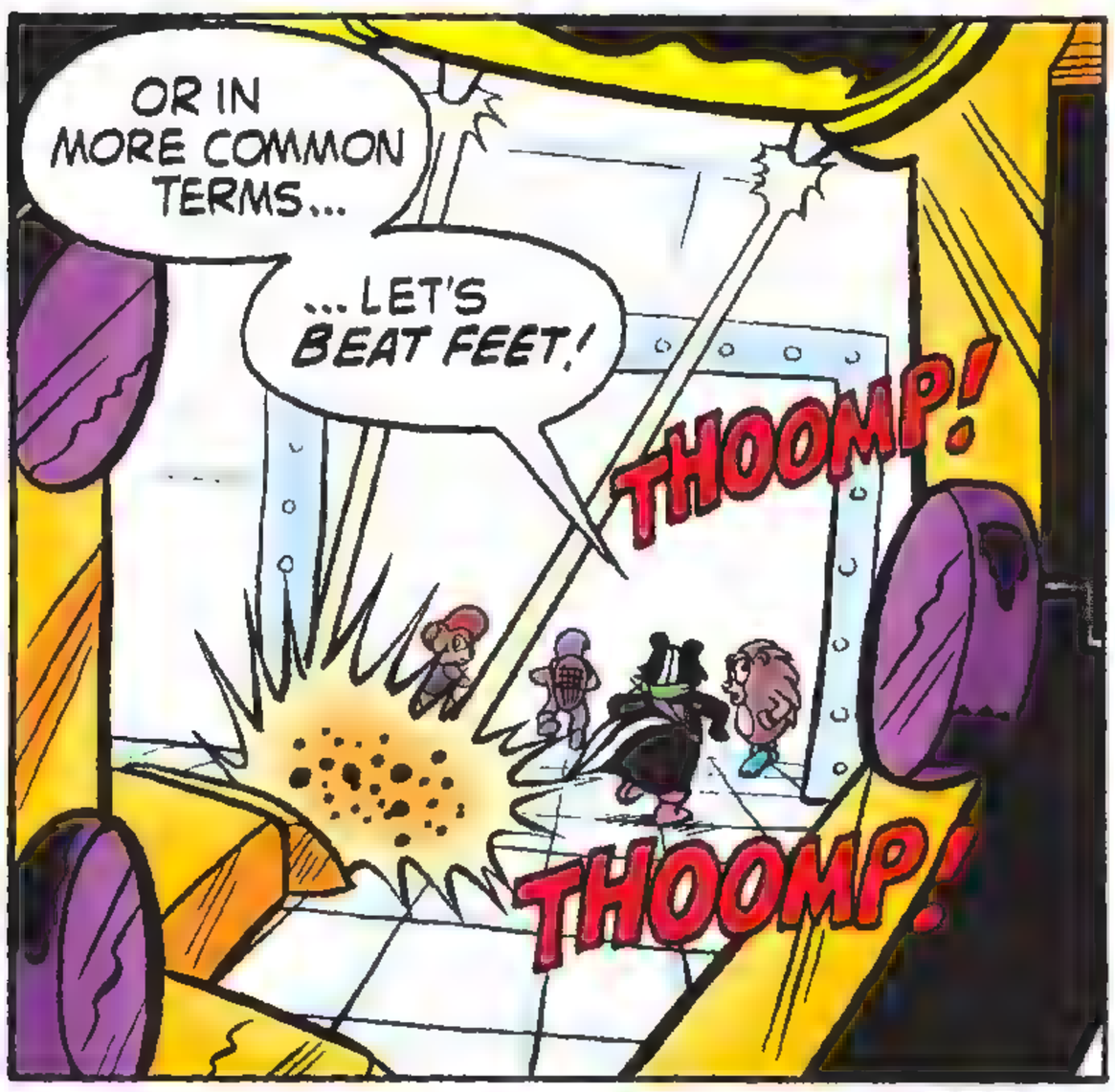

...THIS WIRE SHOULD KEEP IT FROM PUTTING ITS BEST FOOT FORWARD!
TRIP!

UH, OH!

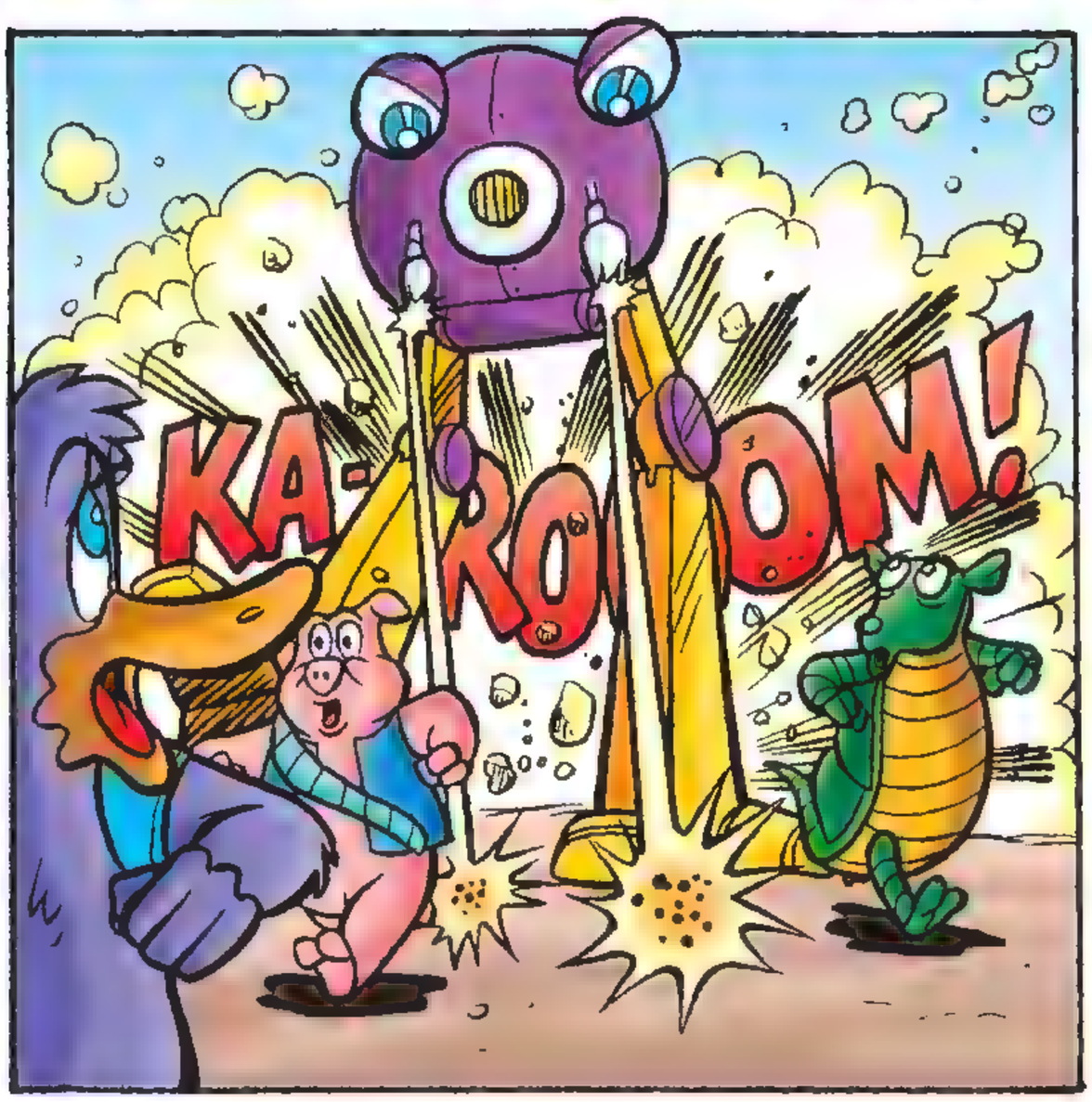

NO WORRIES, MATE!
LEAVE IT TO OL' GEOFFREY TO PULL YOUR FAT OUT OF THE FIRE!
PHEW!
KERASH!

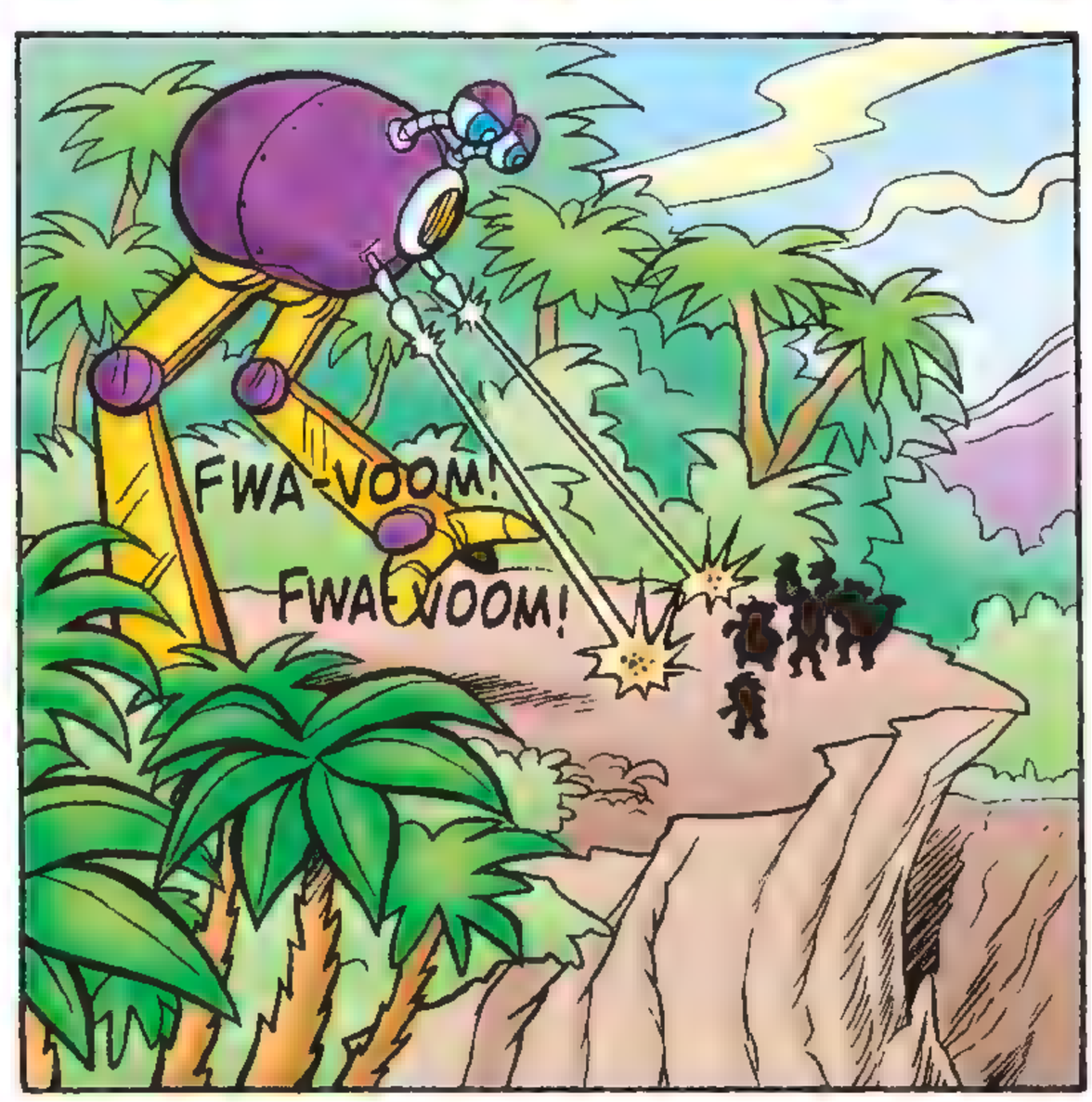

THAT ONE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
AND SPEAKING OF COUNTDOWNS...
THOOMP!
THOOMP!


... HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE LEFT BEFORE THE BASE BLOWS SKY HIGH?
NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!
THEN I VOTE THAT DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR, LUV!


OR IN MORE COMMON TERMS...
... LET'S BEAT FEET!
THOOMP!
THOOMP!

THROOOM!


KA-KO-OOM!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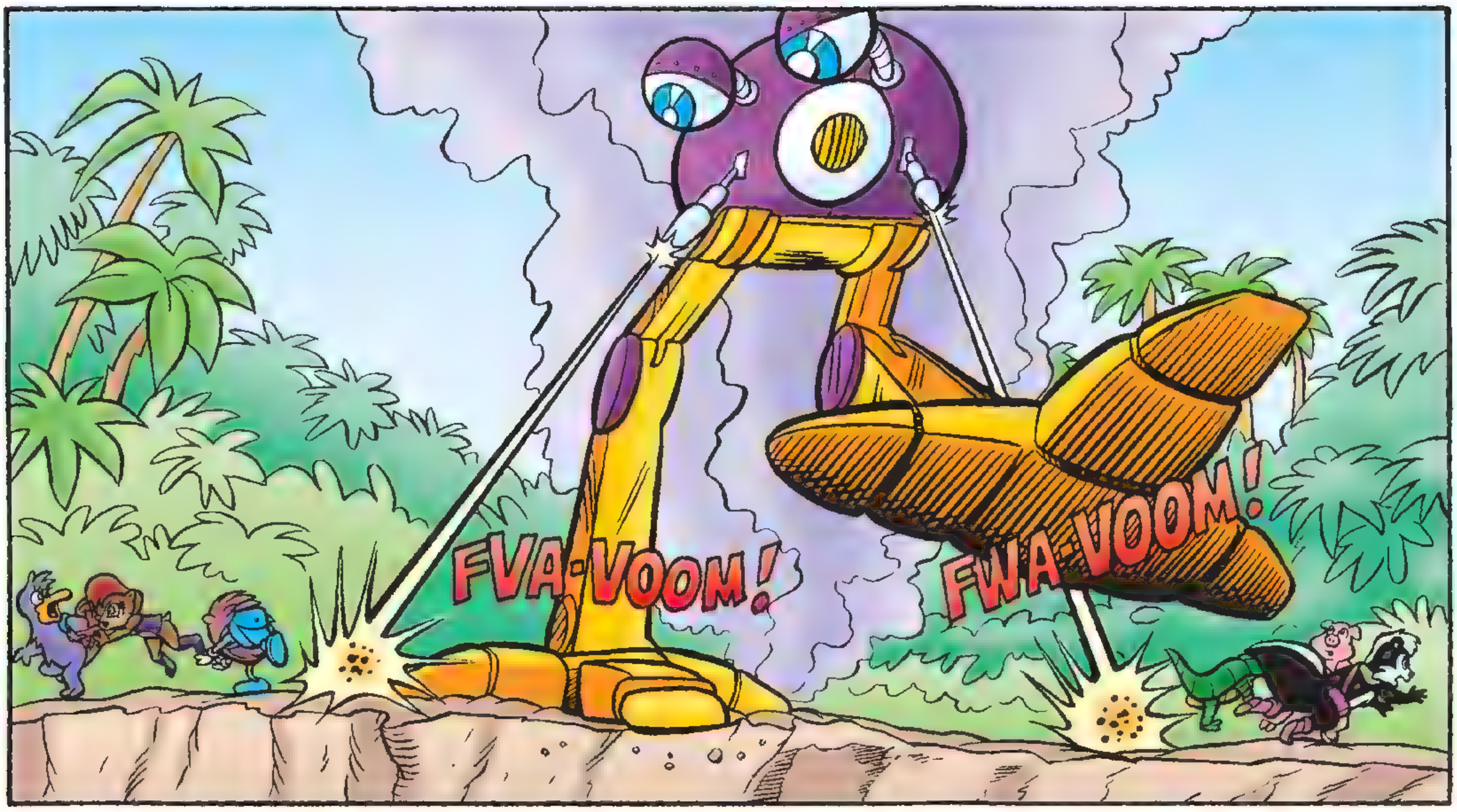
FWA-VOOM!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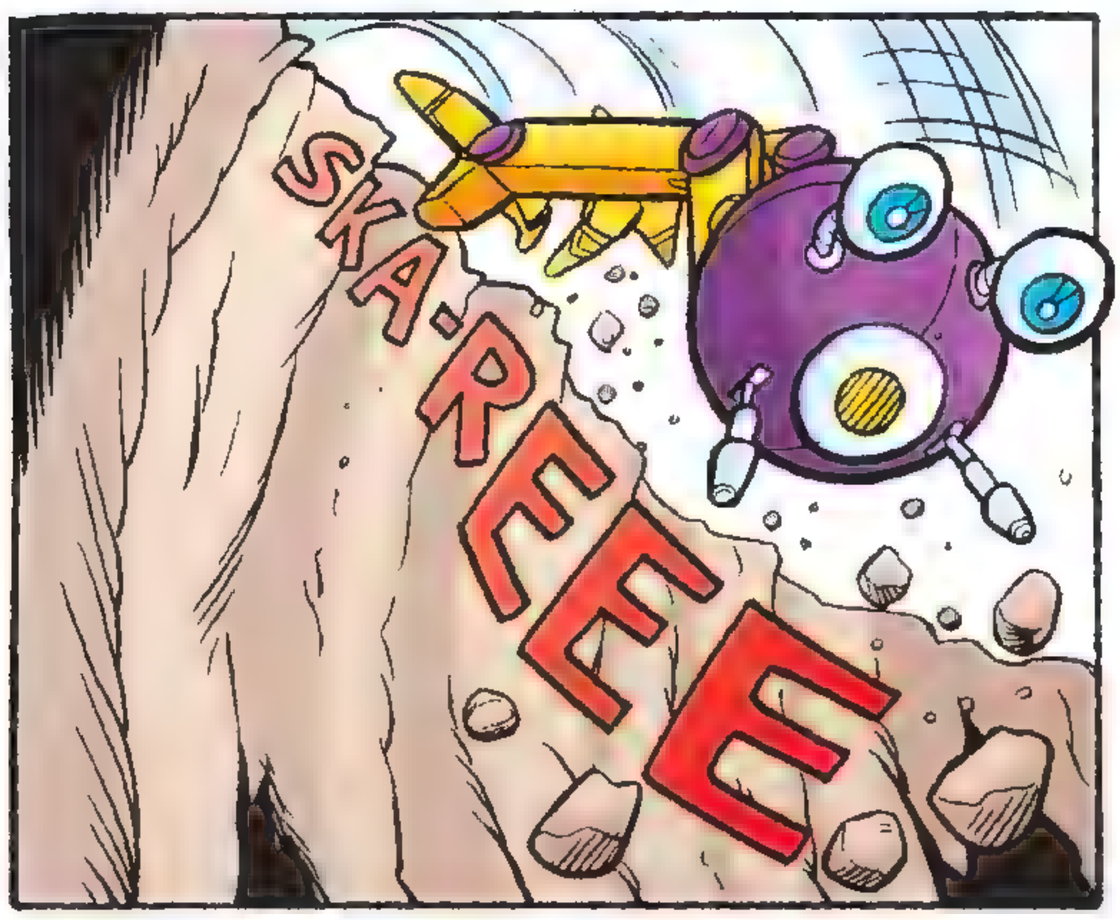
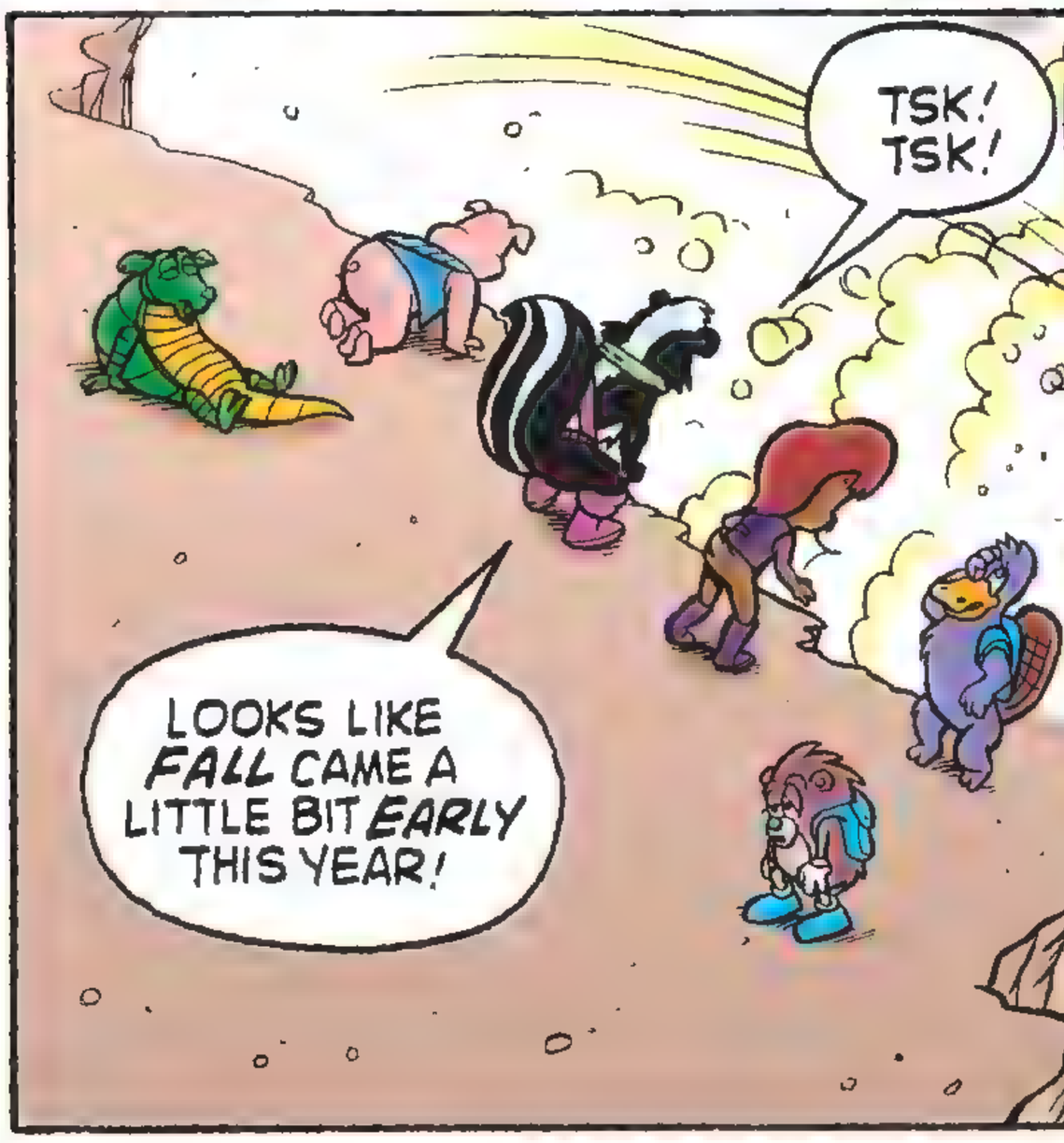
FWA-VOOM!


SKA-REEE

KER-RAAASSH!


TSK! TSK!
LOOKS LIKE *FALL* CAME A LITTLE BIT *EARLY* THIS YEAR!

WHEW

THAT WAS *TOO* CLOSE FOR *COMFORT!* ROBOTNIK MUST HAVE BEEFED UP HIS *SECURITY DETAILS!*

WE'LL NEED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS NEXT TIME!

I AGREE, PRINCESS!

YOU CAN NEVER BE *TOO CAREFUL* ABOUT WHERE YOU STEP--OR WHO YOU *TRUST!*

CAN'T SAY I MUCH CARE FOR YOUR *TONE,* PIG FOOT!

WELL, *I* DON'T MUCH CARE FOR YOUR *FACE,* STRIPES!

SO I GUESS THAT MAKES US EVEN!

KNOCK IT OFF, HAMLIN!

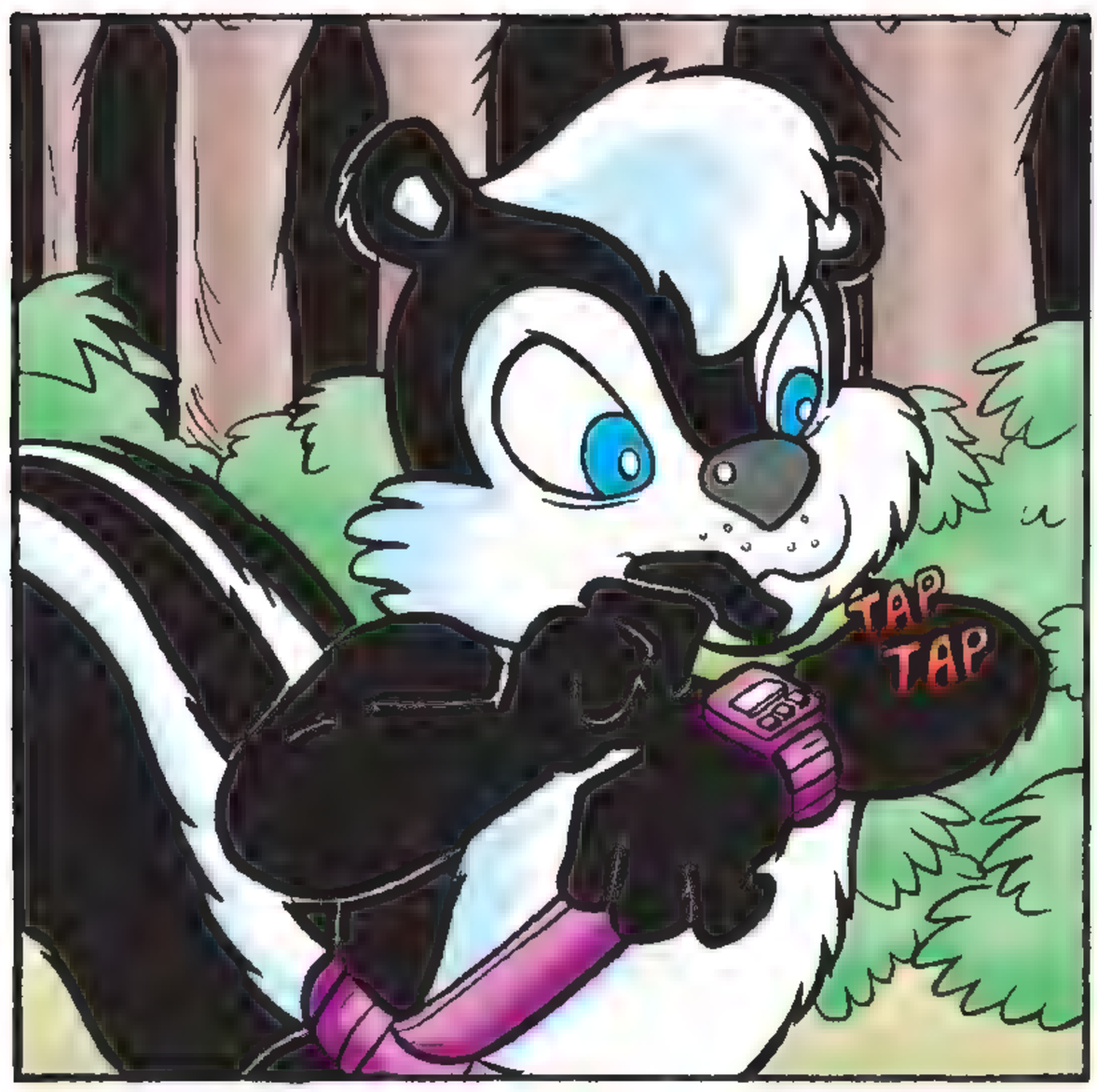
GEOFFREY SAVED YOUR LIFE, REMEMBER?

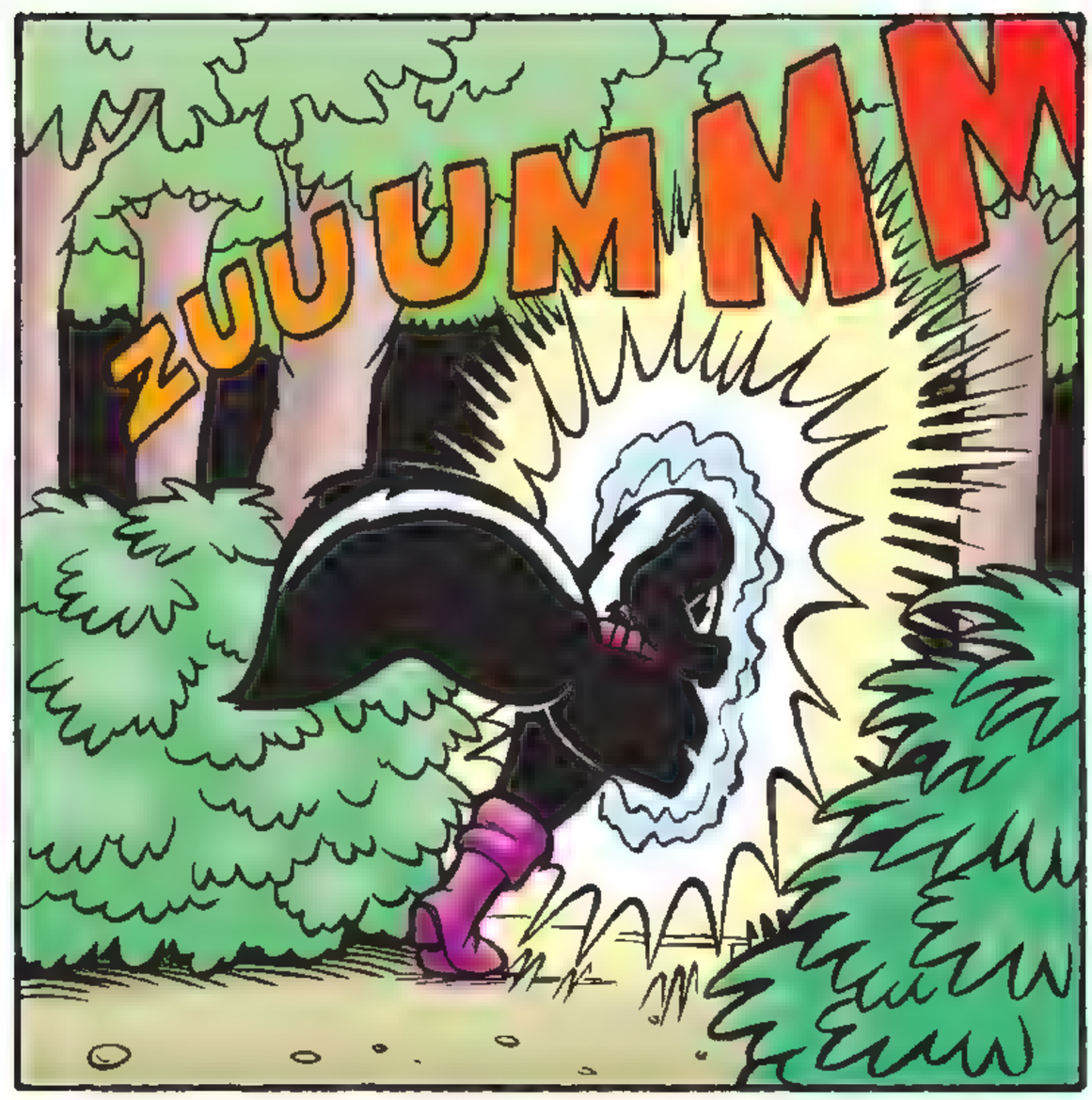
YOU SHOULD BE *GRATEFUL*--NOT *SUSPICIOUS!*

IF YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM AFTER *THAT*--

--YOU MIGHT AS WELL NOT TRUST *ME,* EITHER!

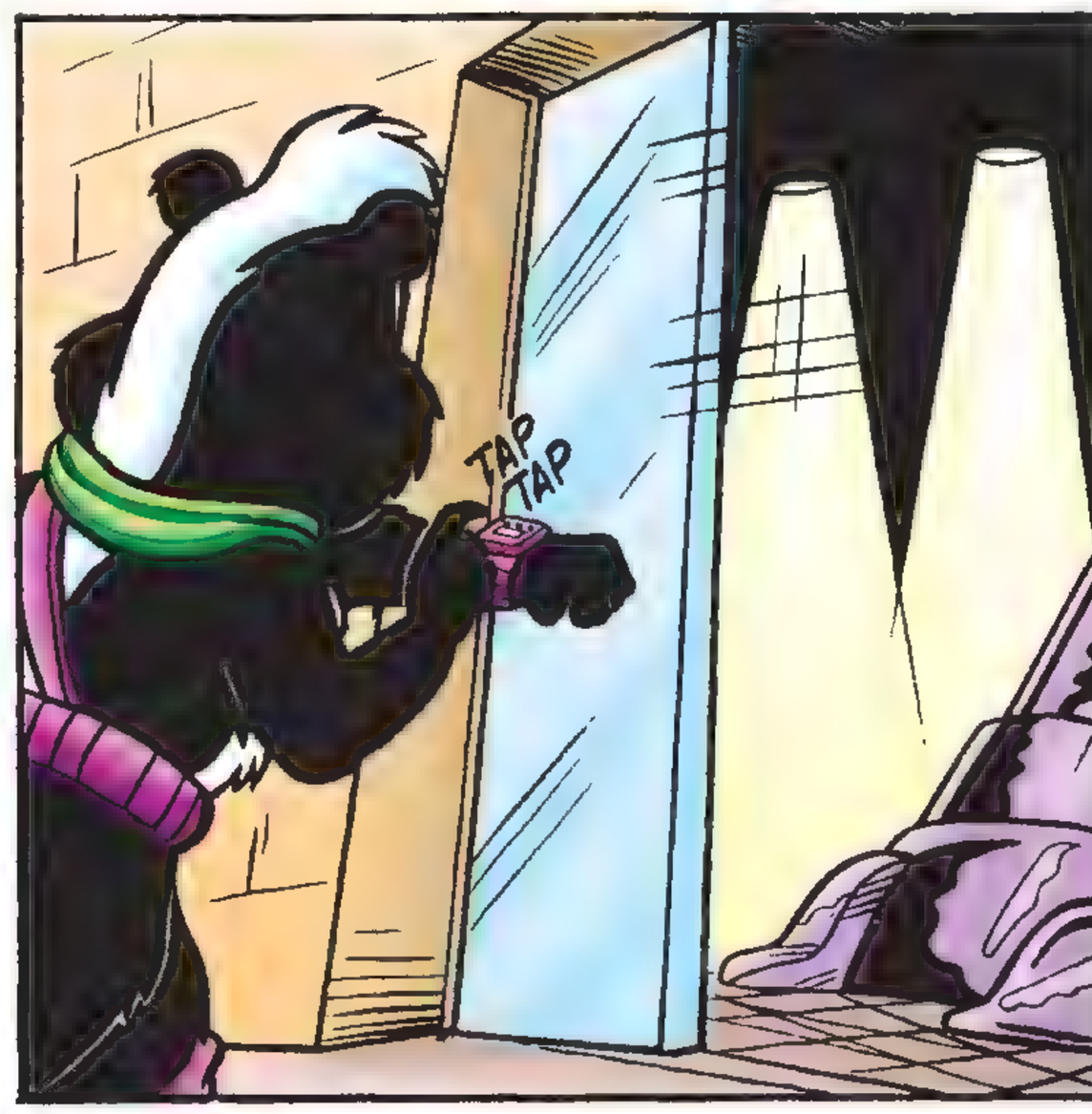
LATER THAT NIGHT...


TAP
TAP


ZUUUMMM

WWRRR
KLICKT!

SHWIISH!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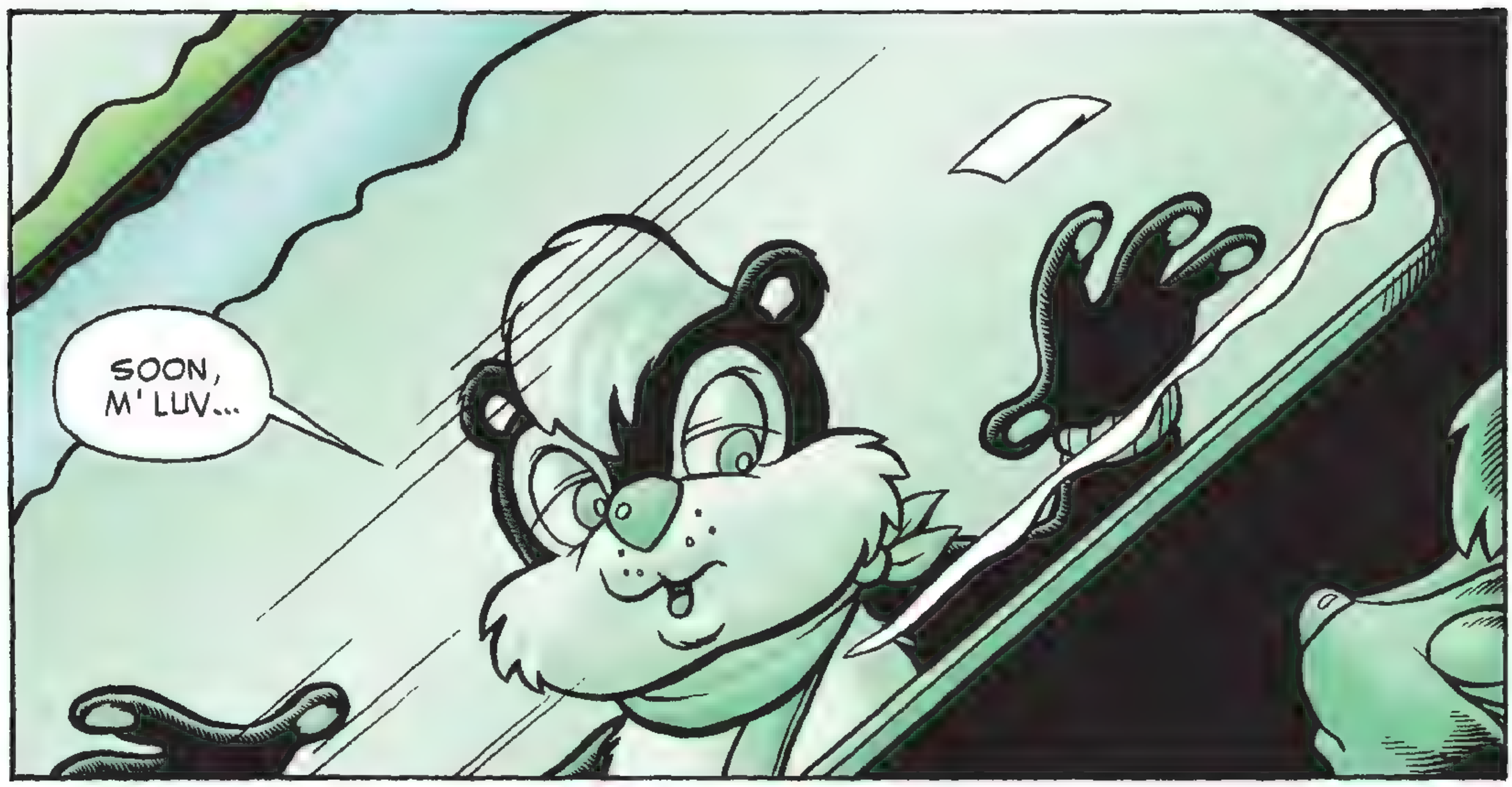
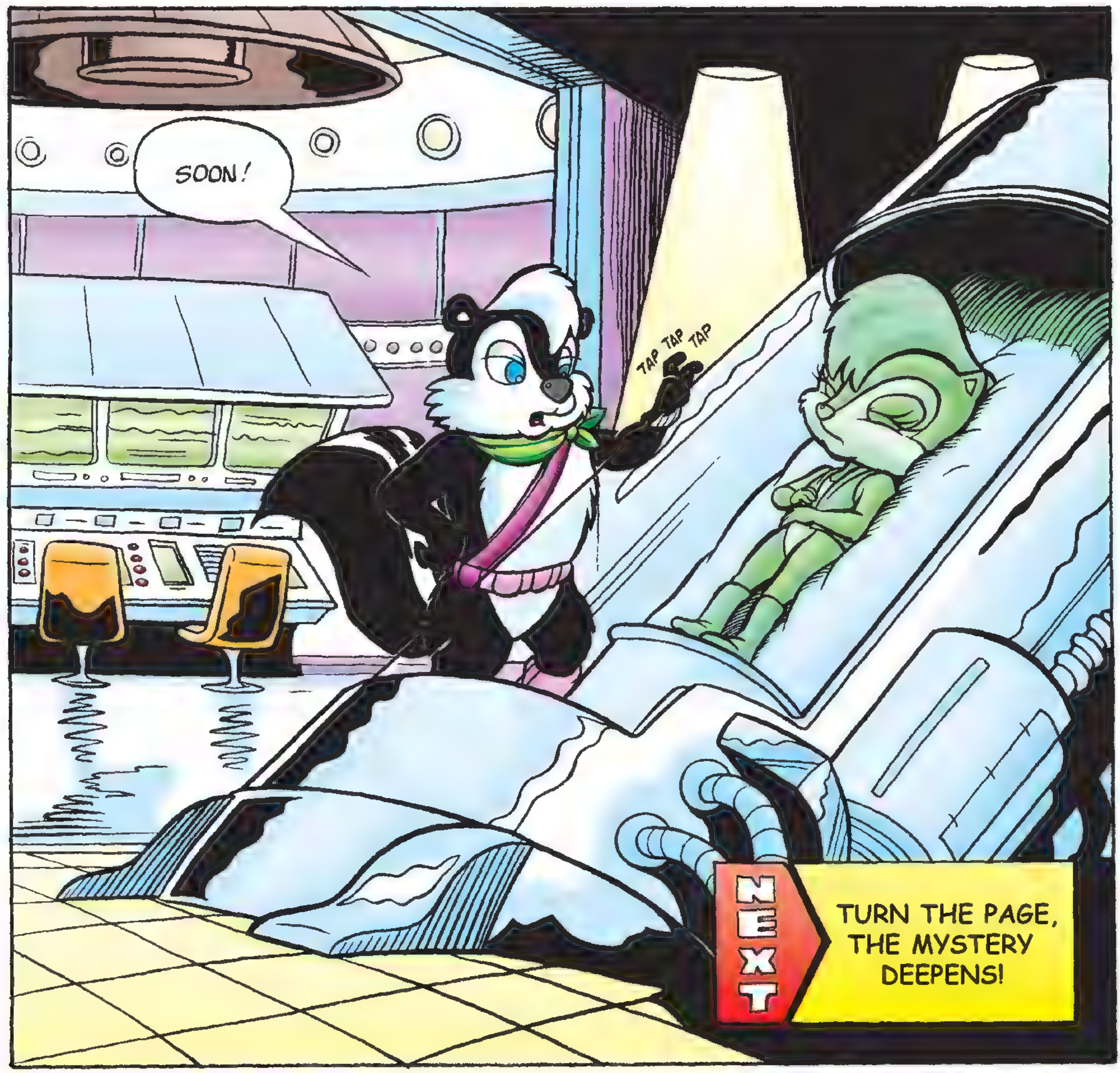
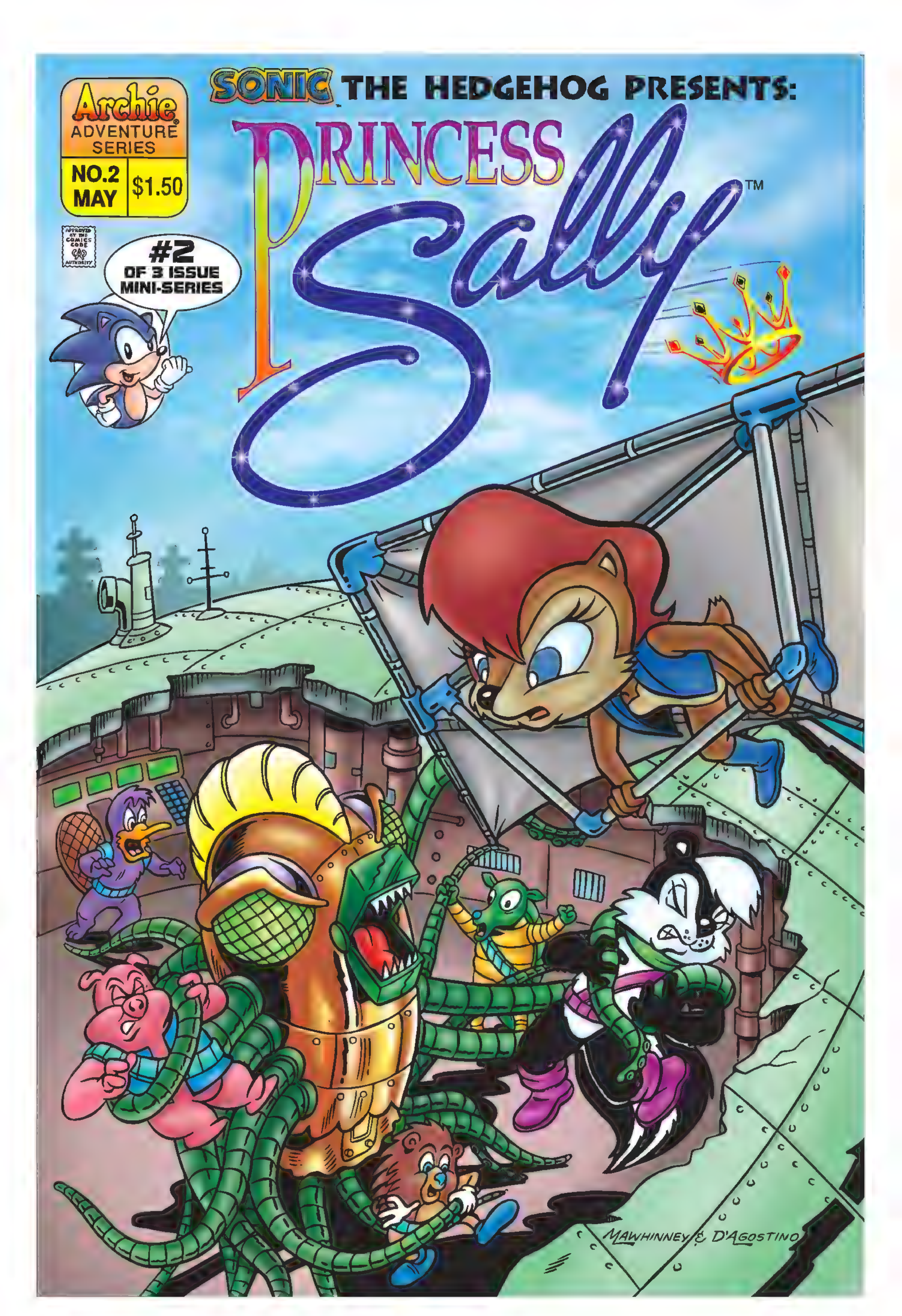

SOON, M' LUV...


SOON!
TAP TAP TAP
NEXT
TURN THE PAGE, THE MYSTERY DEEPENS!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S
TEAMMATE, PRINCESS SALLY
STARRING IN HER OWN
ACTION-PACKED
MINI-SERIES!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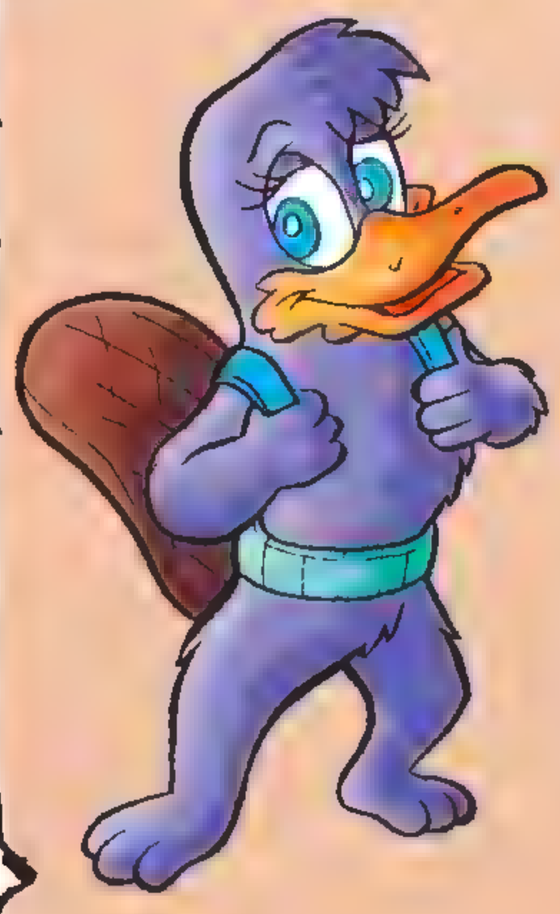
As the fight for freedom rages on, it has been one of **Princess Sally's** many obligations to select and recruit the soldiers of tomorrow, training them for the important tasks that lie ahead.

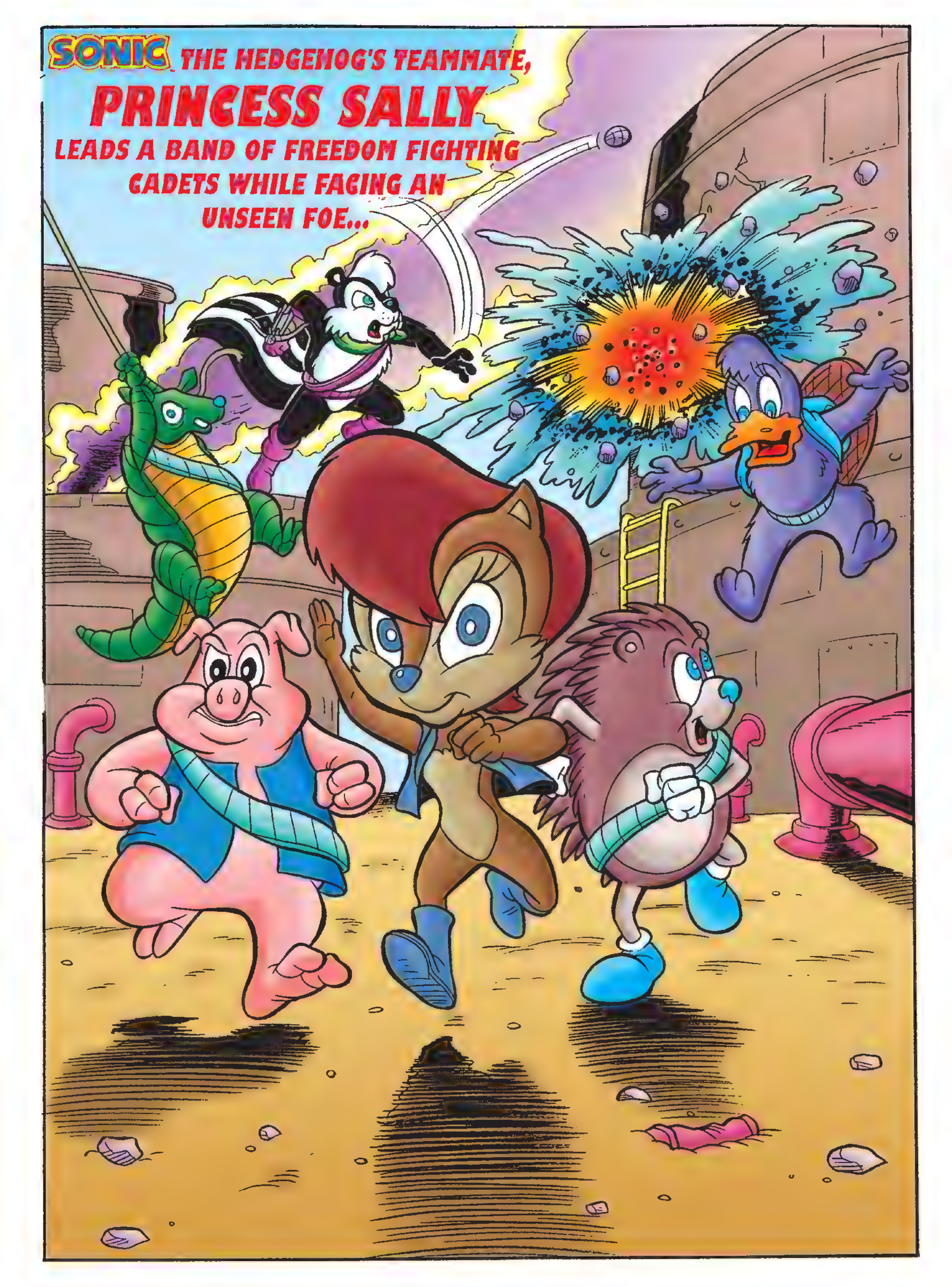
Gathering only the best and brightest young hopefuls from the citizenry of **Knothole Village**, the Princess has assembled a core team of four members whose main purpose is to be the second vanguard in the struggle to overthrow the evil genius **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**.

Foremost of the group is **Hamlin**. Quick to anger, slow to forgive, he is often the first to leap into action, but usually the last to look where he's going. Next is **Penelope**. Fiercely loyal to her friends and comrades, her love for all animal kind is the driving force in her personal fight against tyranny. **Arlo**, cheerful and courageous, will always put the needs of his teammates ahead of his own, regardless of whatever personal costs it might entail. Finally, there is **Dylan**. With the heart of a warrior and soul of a poet, he never mistakes the forest for the trees and functions as the spiritual anchor for his colleagues.

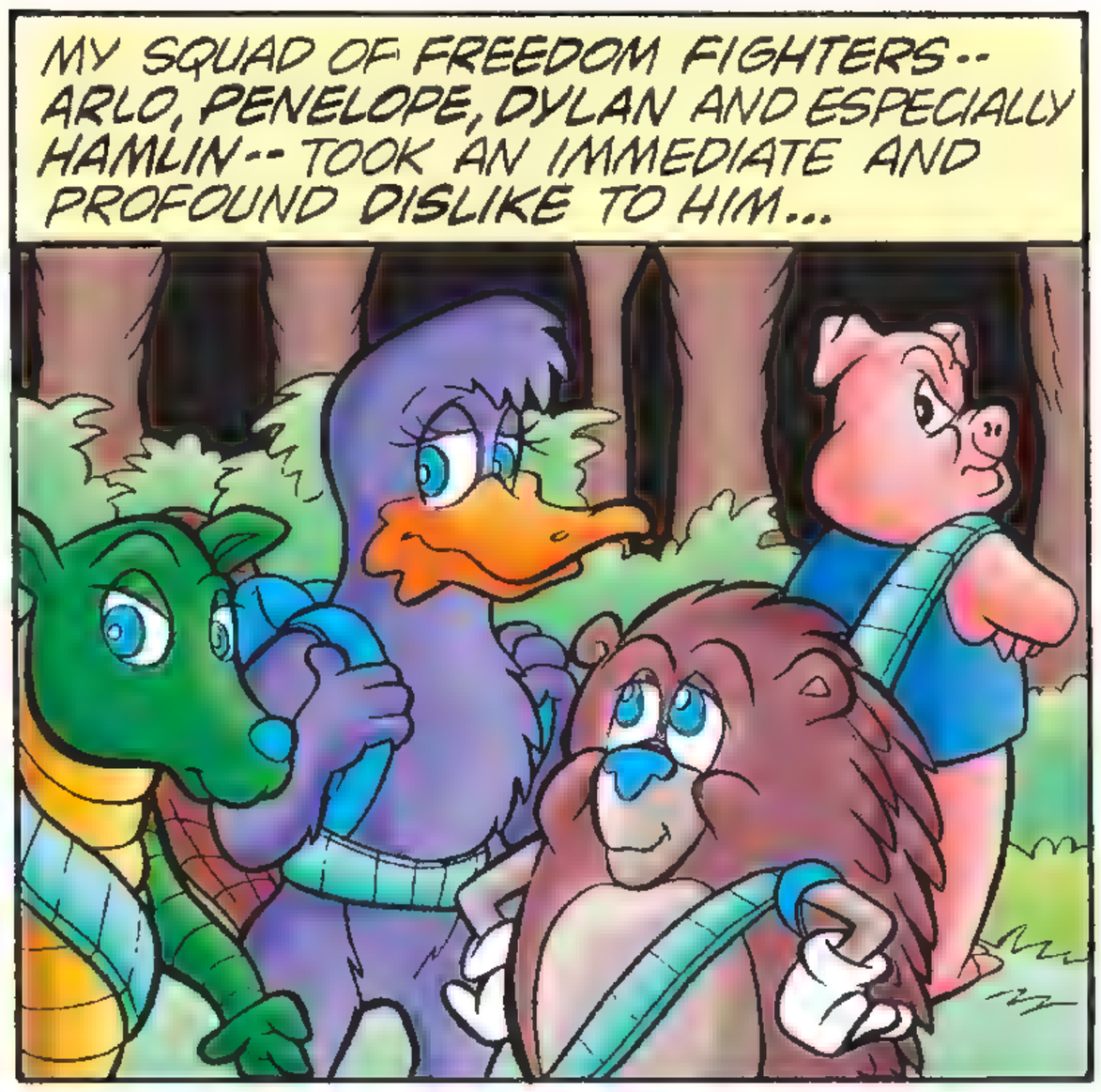


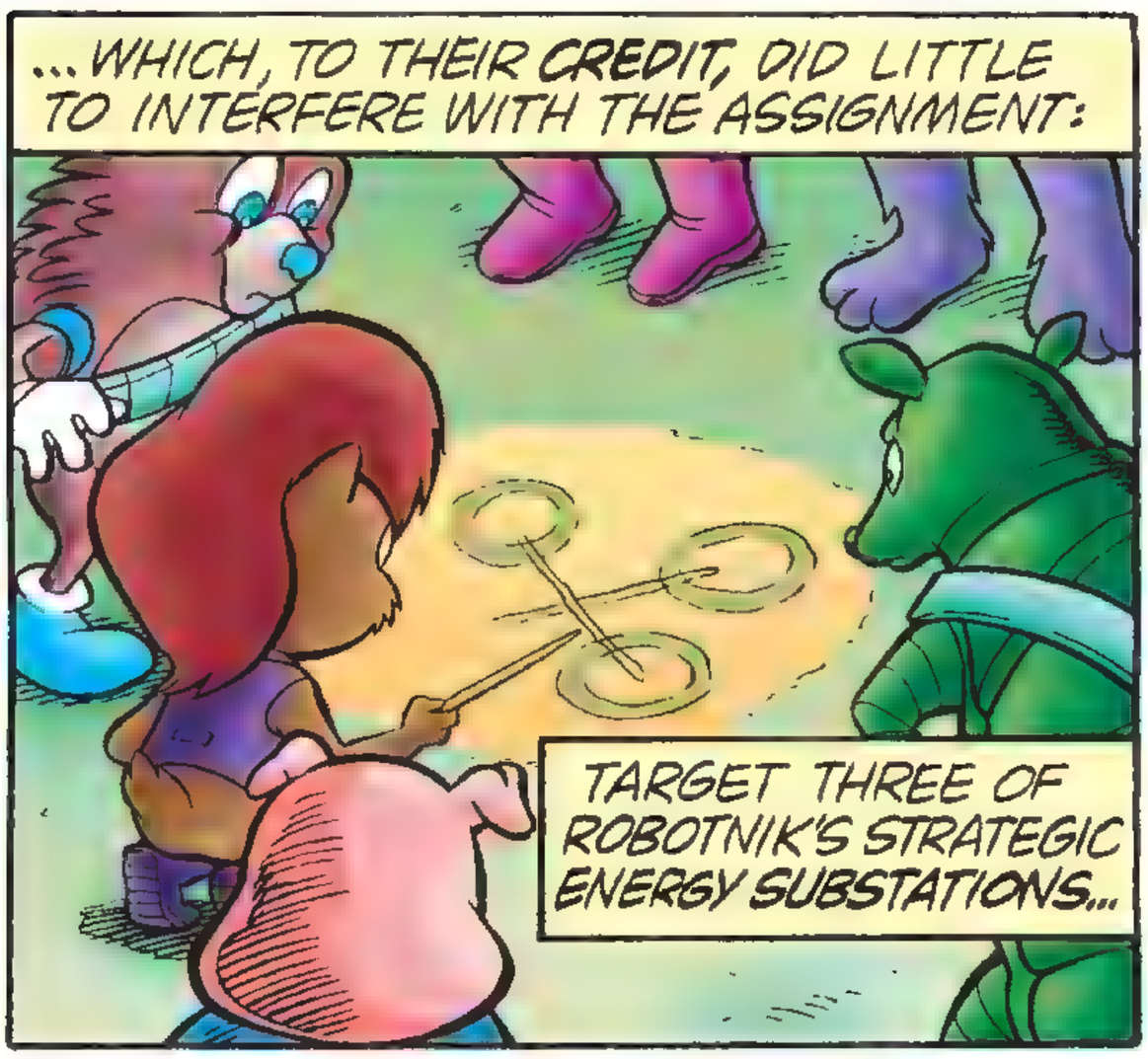
Together, there is no challenge, dare or risk these adventurers will not accept. Embracing the philosophy that "It won't get done until we get it done," they strive each and every day to live up to that ideal, working toward restoring **Mobotropolis** to the paradise it once was.

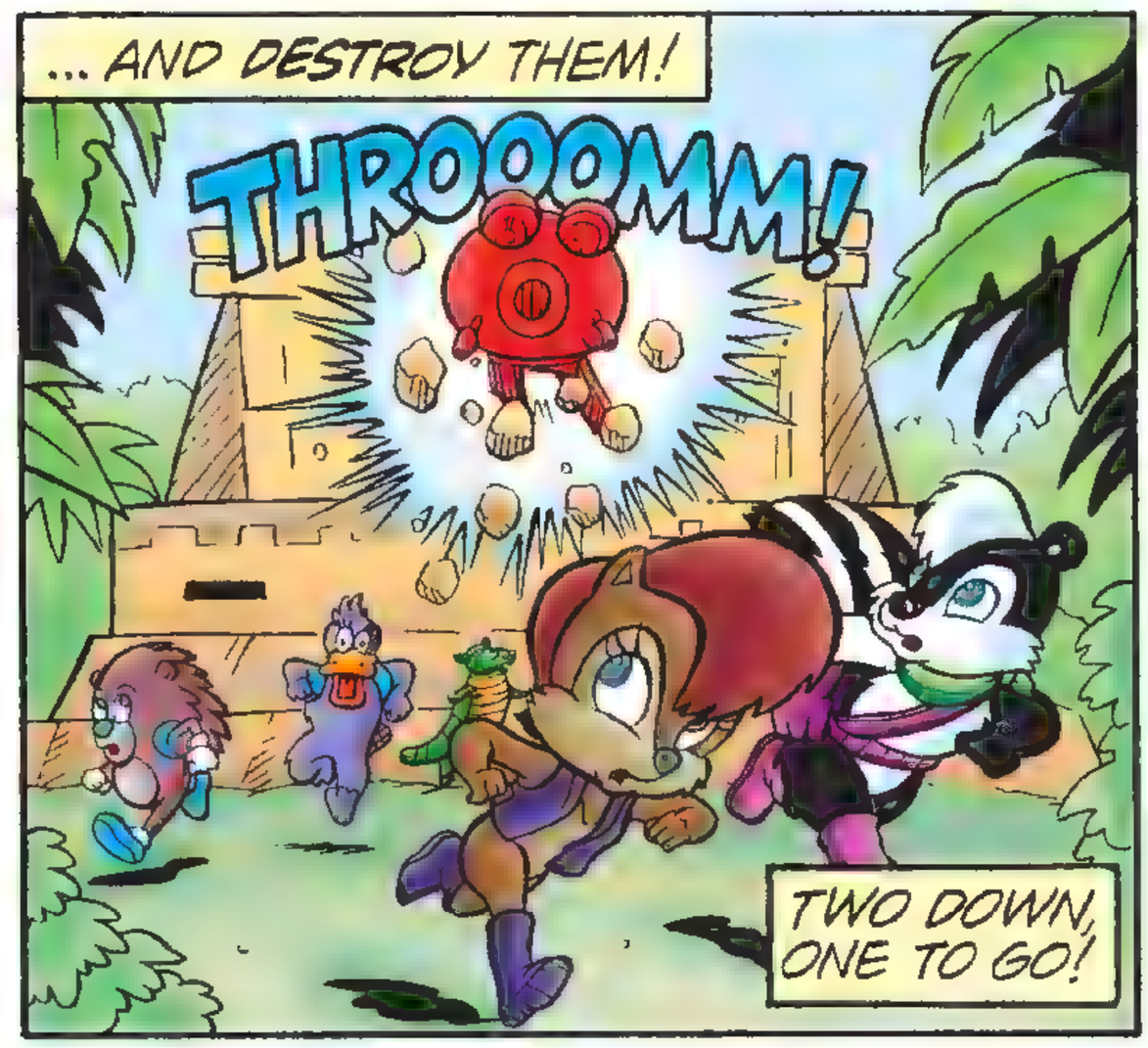
Untested and untried, they now embark upon a mission which shall change their lives **forever**... ✠

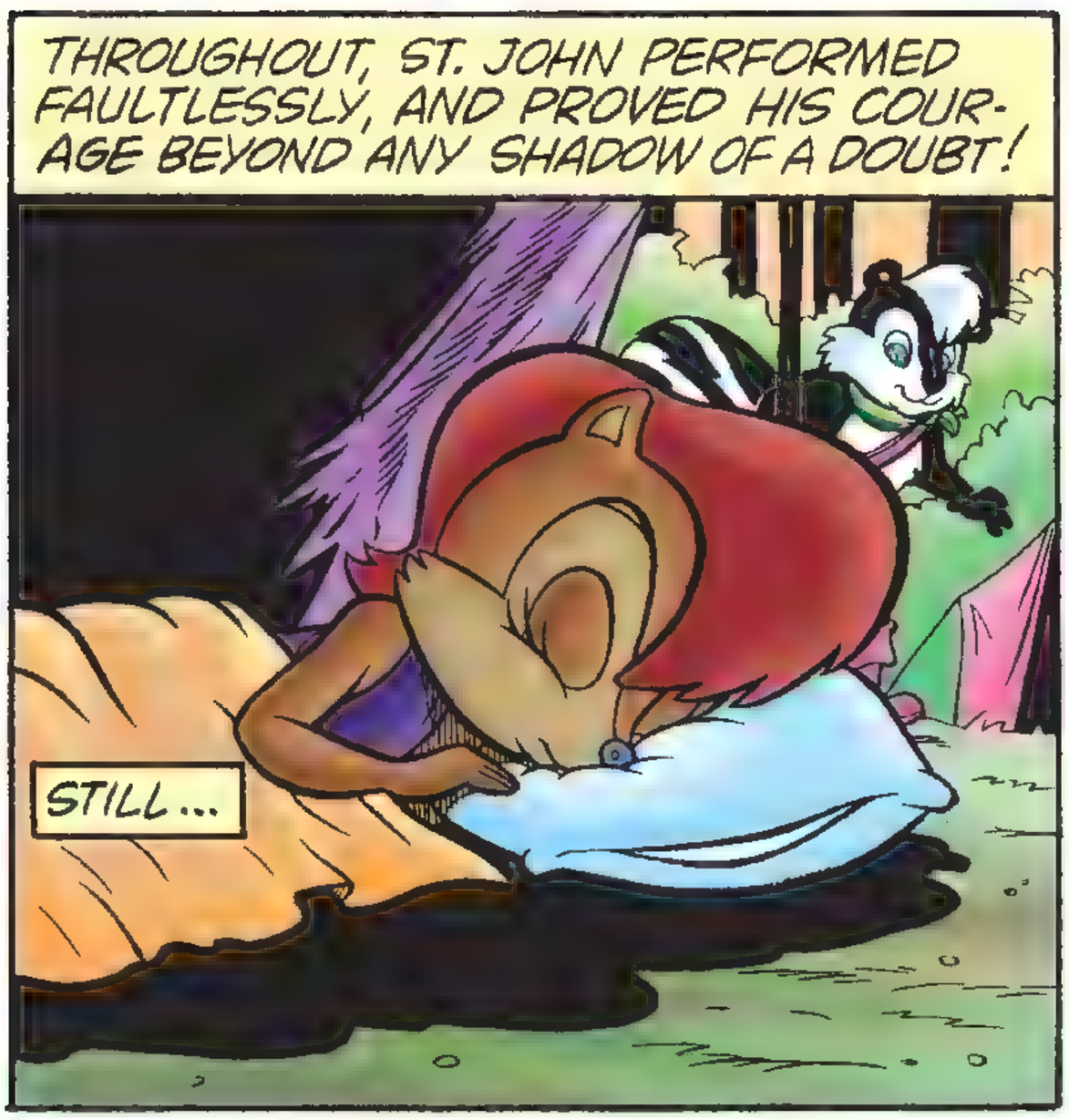

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S TEAMMATE,
PRINCESS SALLY
LEADS A BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTING CADETS WHILE FACING AN UNSEEN FOE...

FROM THE JOURNALS OF PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...
THINGS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN--INTERESTING--SINCE I LINKED UP WITH FORMER SECRET SERVICE AGENT AND REBEL UNDERGROUND LEADER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN!

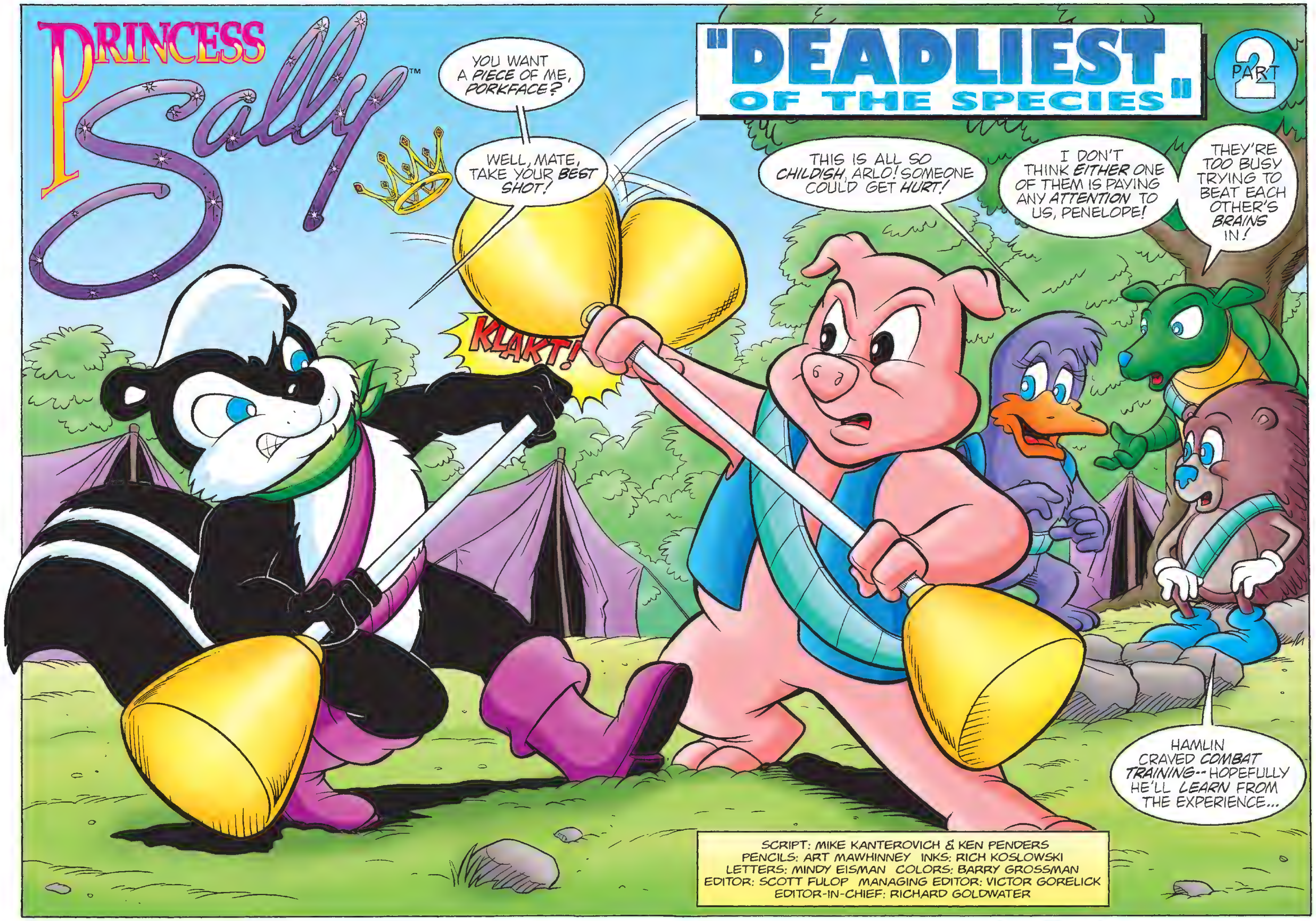

MY SQUAD OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--ARLO, PENELOPE, DYLAN AND ESPECIALLY HAMLIN--TOOK AN IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND DISLIKE TO HIM...


...WHICH, TO THEIR CREDIT, DID LITTLE TO INTERFERE WITH THE ASSIGNMENT:
TARGET THREE OF ROBOTNIK'S STRATEGIC ENERGY SUBSTATIONS...


... AND DESTROY THEM!
THROOOOMM!
TWO DOWN, ONE TO GO!


THROUGHOUT, ST. JOHN PERFORMED FAULTLESSLY, AND PROVED HIS COURAGE BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT!
STILL...

...ONE COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER...
...WHAT OTHER TRICKS HE MIGHT HAVE HIDDEN UP HIS SLEEVE!


PRINCESS Sally™
"DEADLIEST OF THE SPECIES"
PART 2
YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME, PORKFACE?
WELL, MATE, TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
KLAKT!
THIS IS ALL SO CHILDISH, ARLO! SOMEONE COULD GET HURT!
I DON'T THINK EITHER ONE OF THEM IS PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO US, PENELOPE!
THEY'RE TOO BUSY TRYING TO BEAT EACH OTHER'S BRAINS IN!
HAMLIN CRAVED COMBAT TRAINING-- HOPEFULLY HE'LL LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE...
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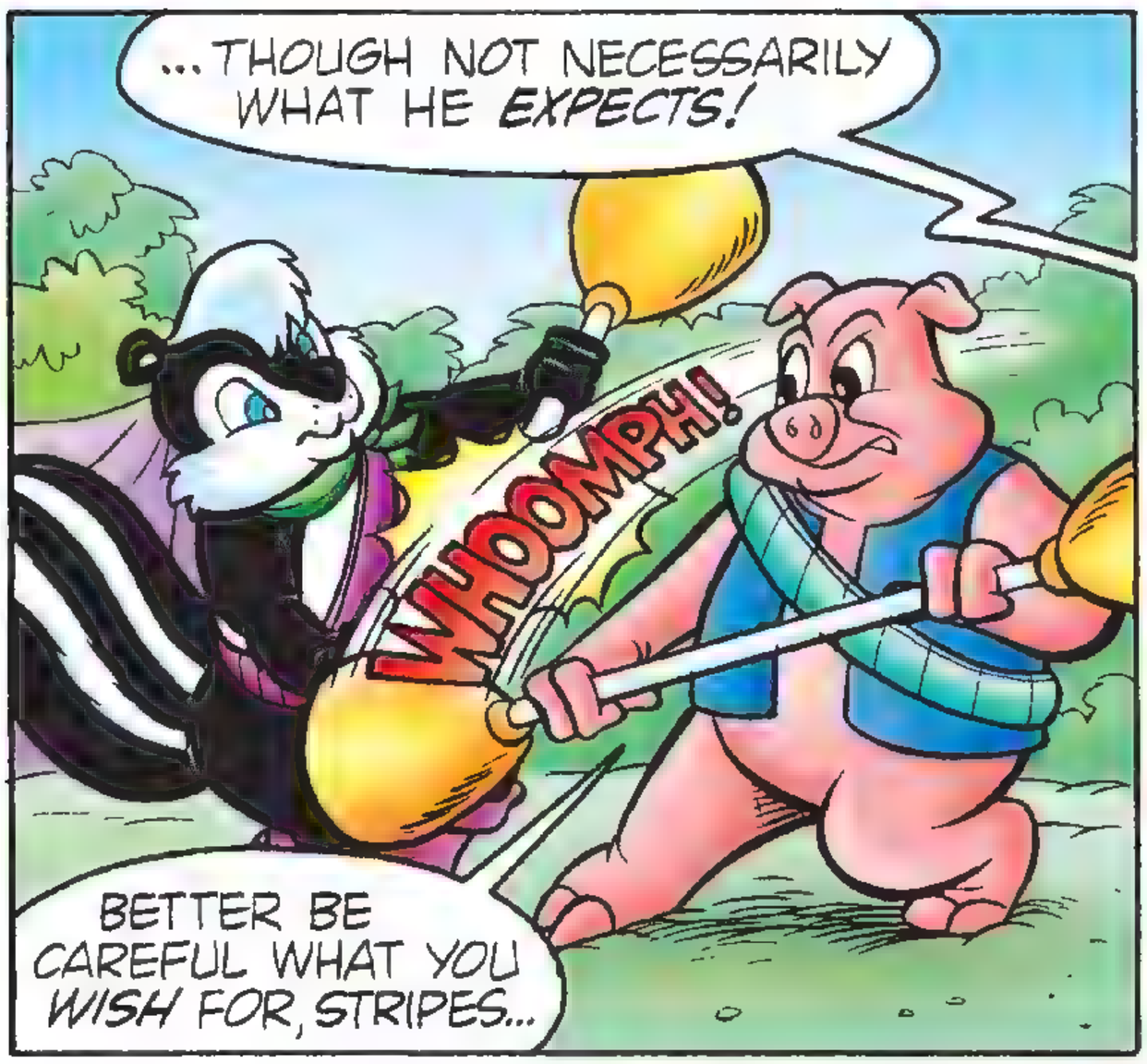
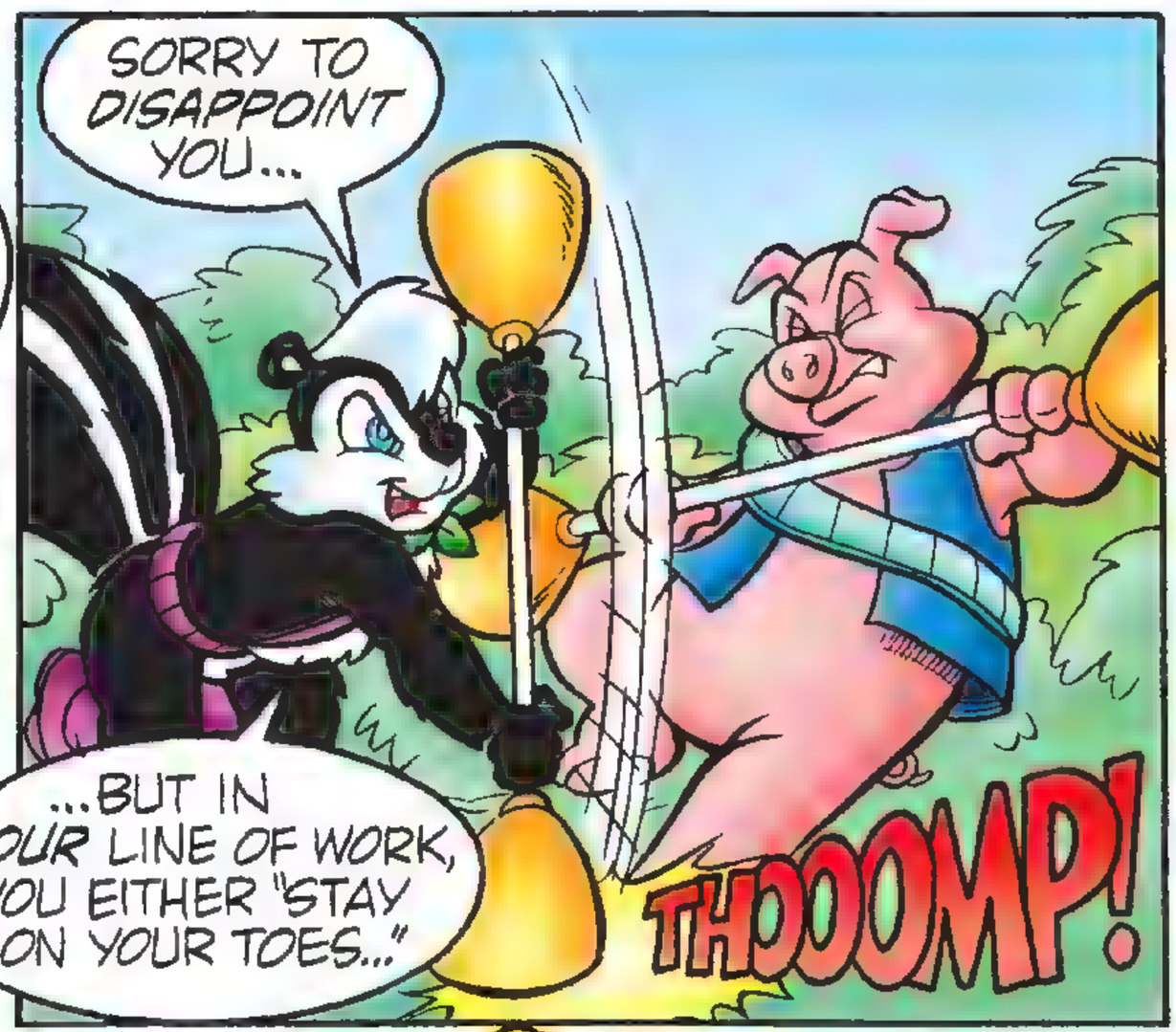
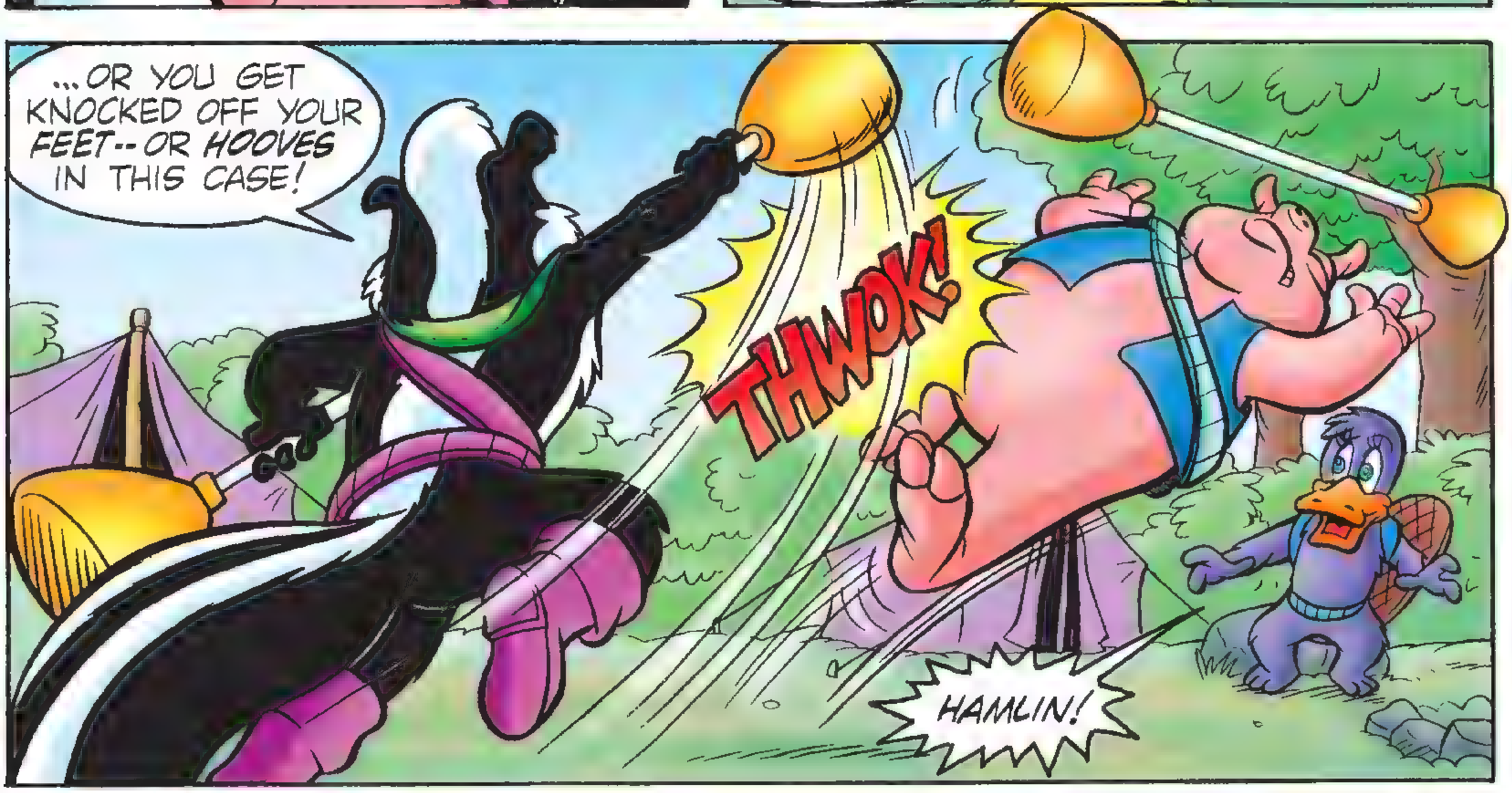

...THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY WHAT HE EXPECTS!
WHOOMPH!
BETTER BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, STRIPES...

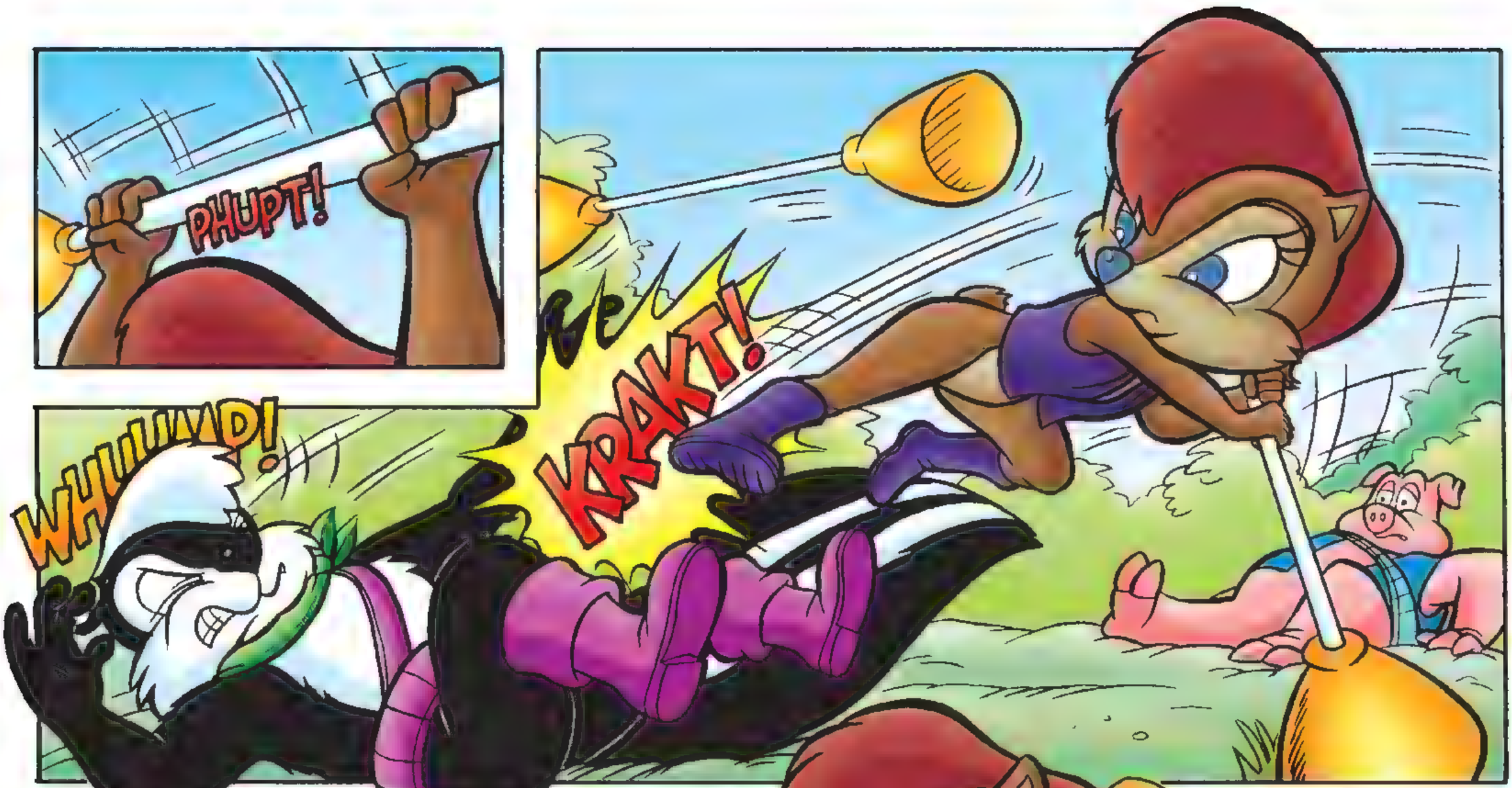
...'CAUSE YOU JUST MIGHT GET IT!
KRAKT!

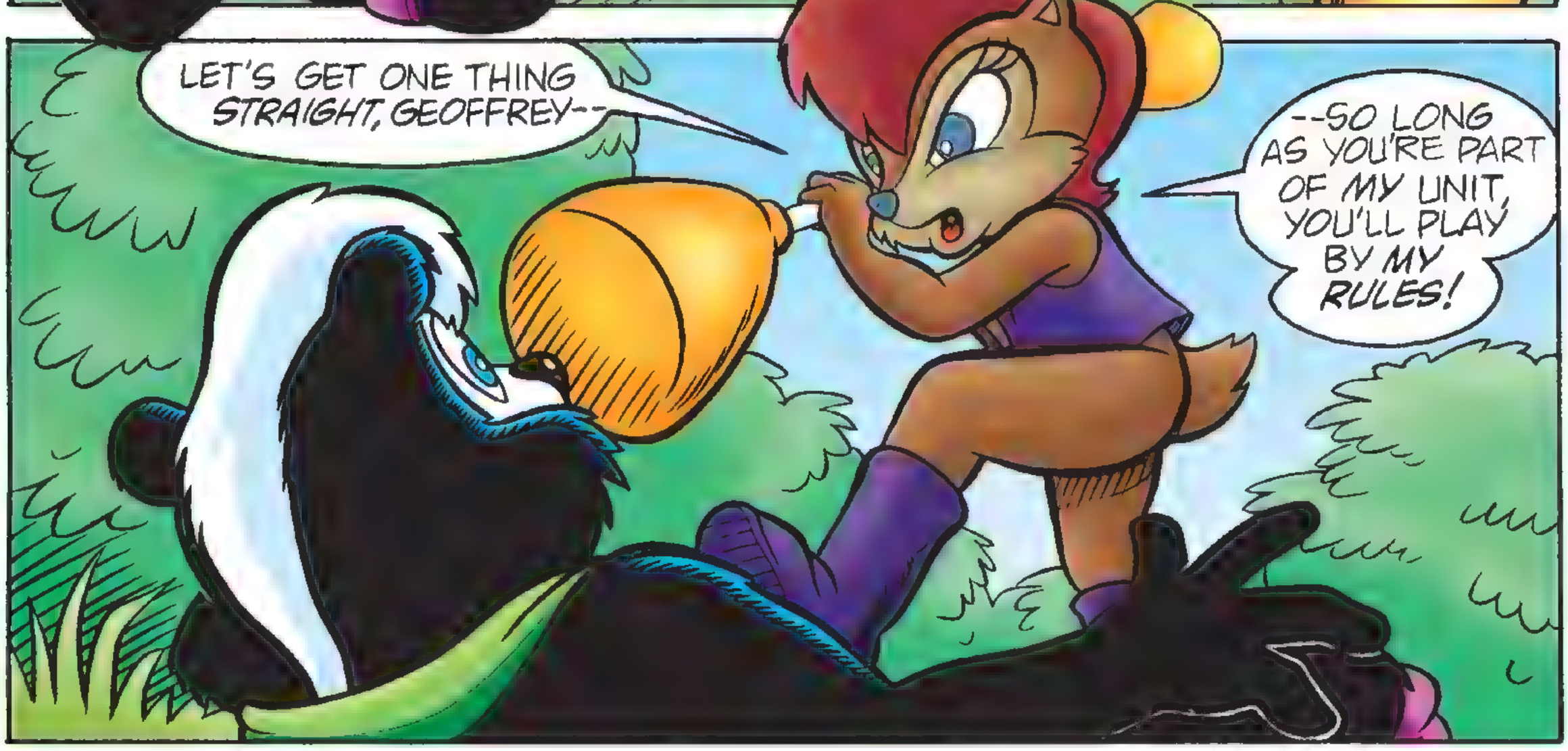
I ALREADY "GET IT," MATE...
...YOU'RE TICKED OFF 'CAUSE I SHOWED YOU UP IN FRONT OF THE PRINCESS!
KLAKT!


SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU...
...BUT IN OUR LINE OF WORK, YOU EITHER "STAY ON YOUR TOES..."
THOOOMP!


...OR YOU GET KNOCKED OFF YOUR FEET--OR HOOVES IN THIS CASE!
THWOK!
HAMLIN!

PHUPT!

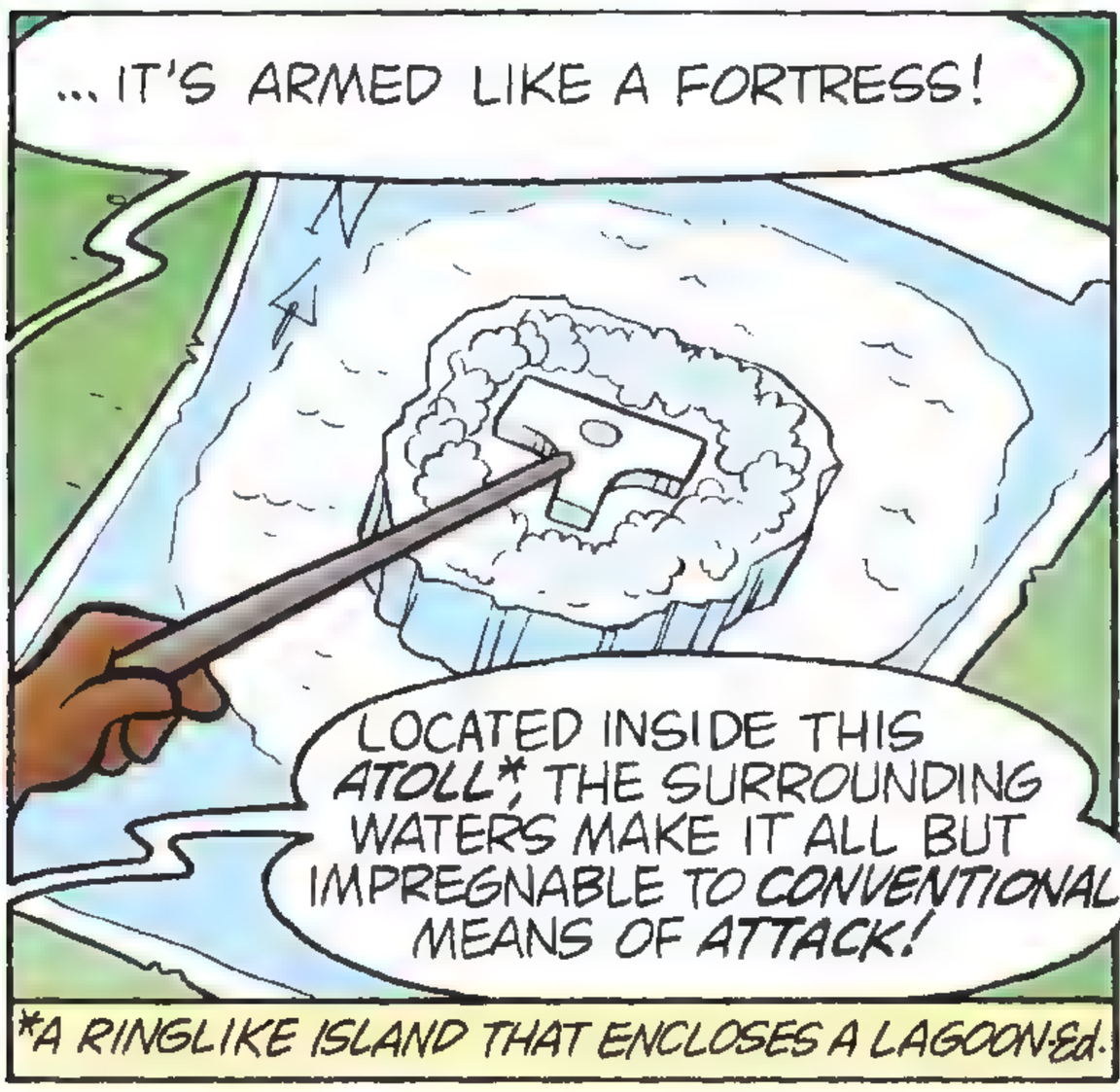

WHHHHHD!
KRAKT!

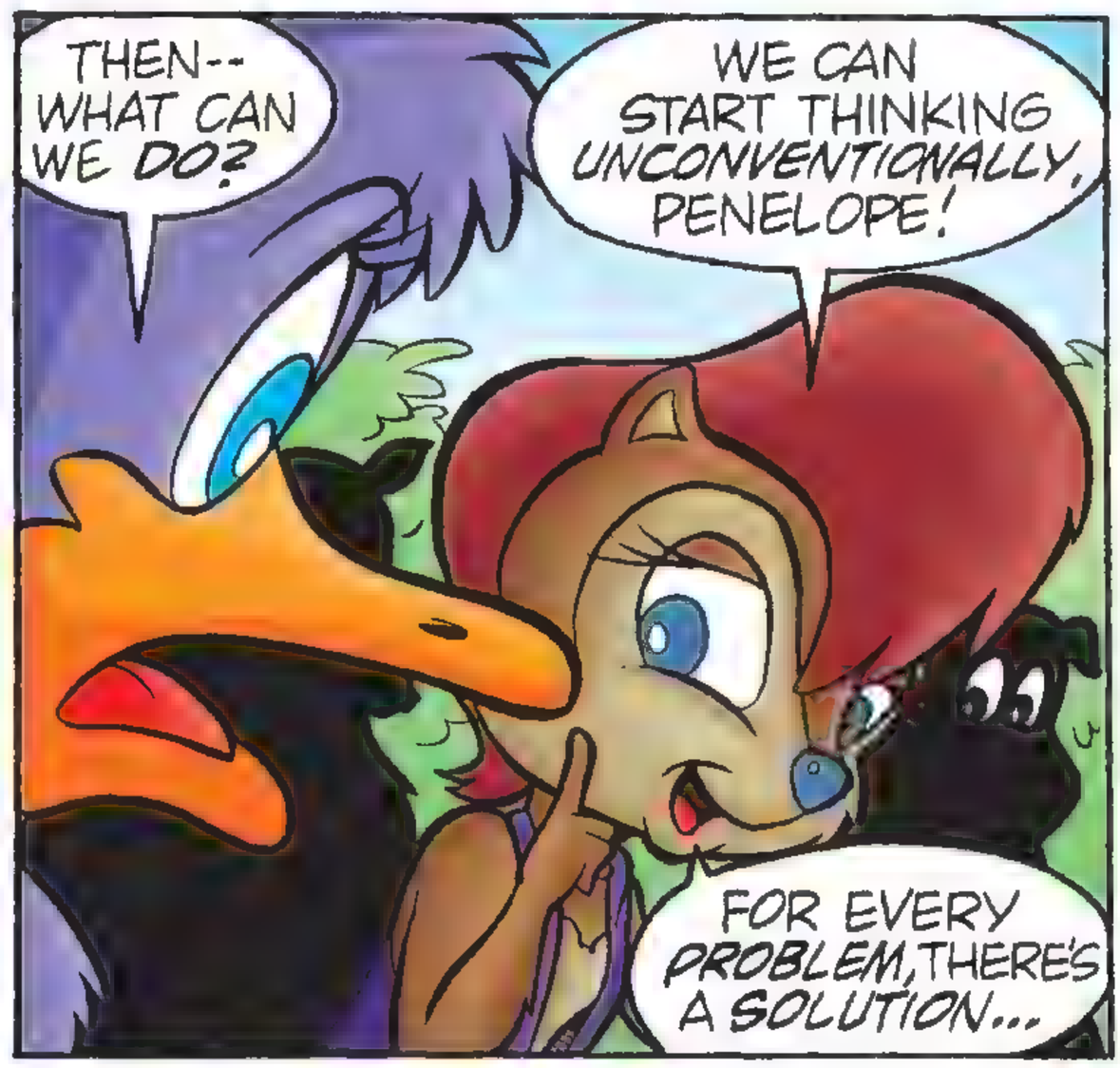

LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT, GEOFFREY--
--SO LONG AS YOU'RE PART OF MY UNIT, YOU'LL PLAY BY MY RULES!

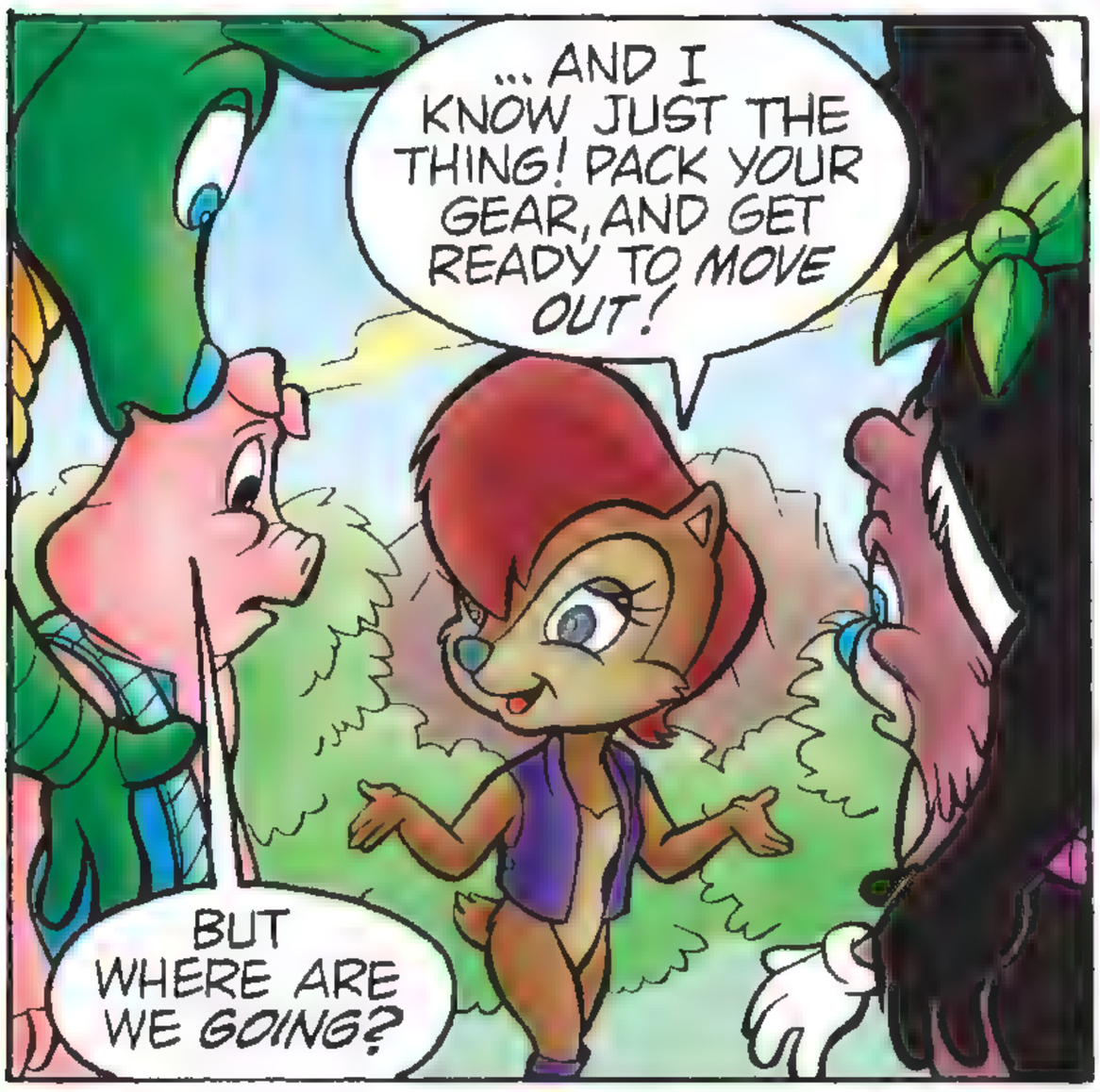
WE FIGHT TOGETHER, AS A TEAM AGAINST ROBOTNIK...
...NOT AGAINST EACH OTHER!
IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

SORRY, LUV...
...DON'T KNOW WHAT I COULD HAVE BEEN THINKING!

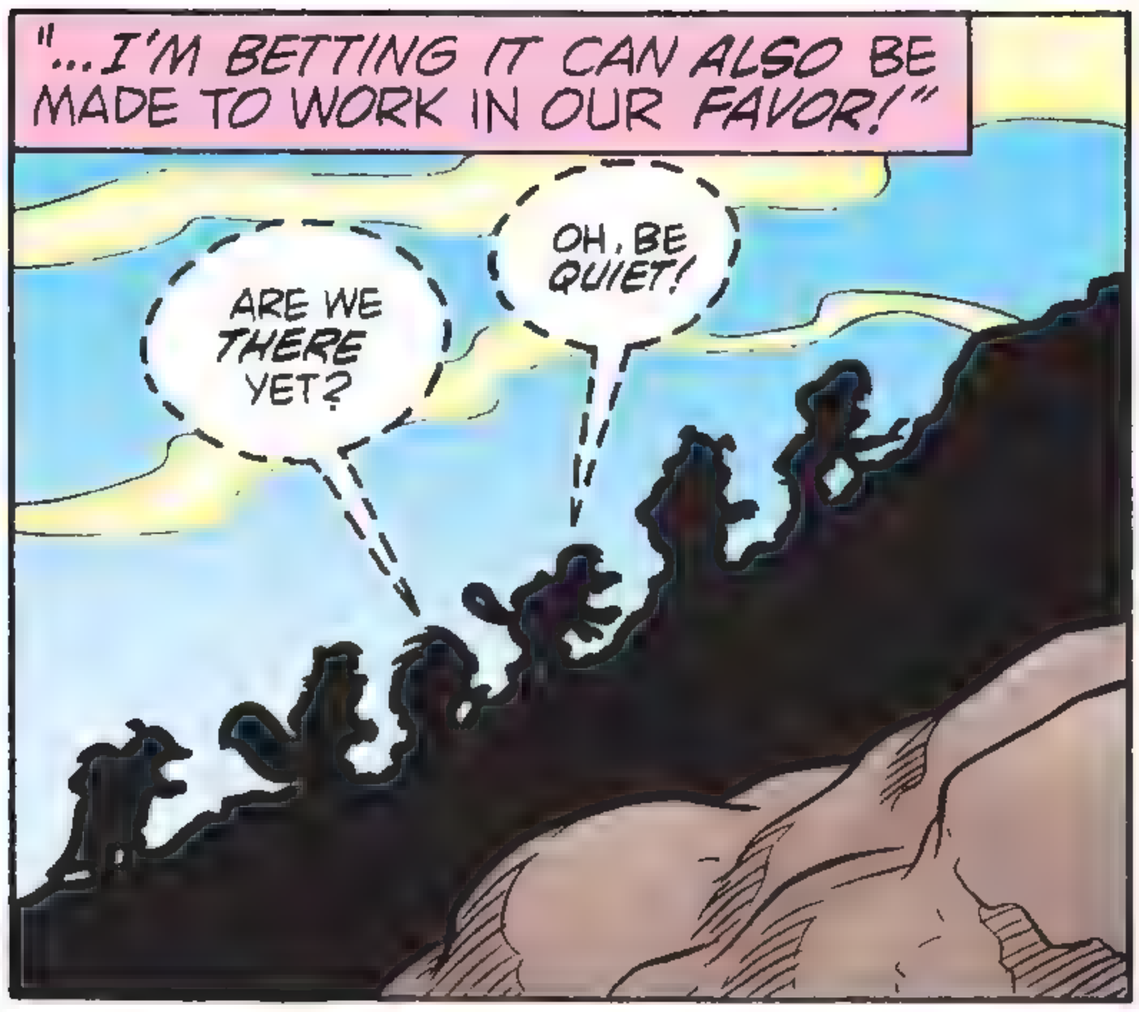
LATER...
SINCE WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN OUT THE FIRST TWO SUBSTATIONS, THAT LEAVES ONLY THE THIRD!
UNFORTUNATELY...

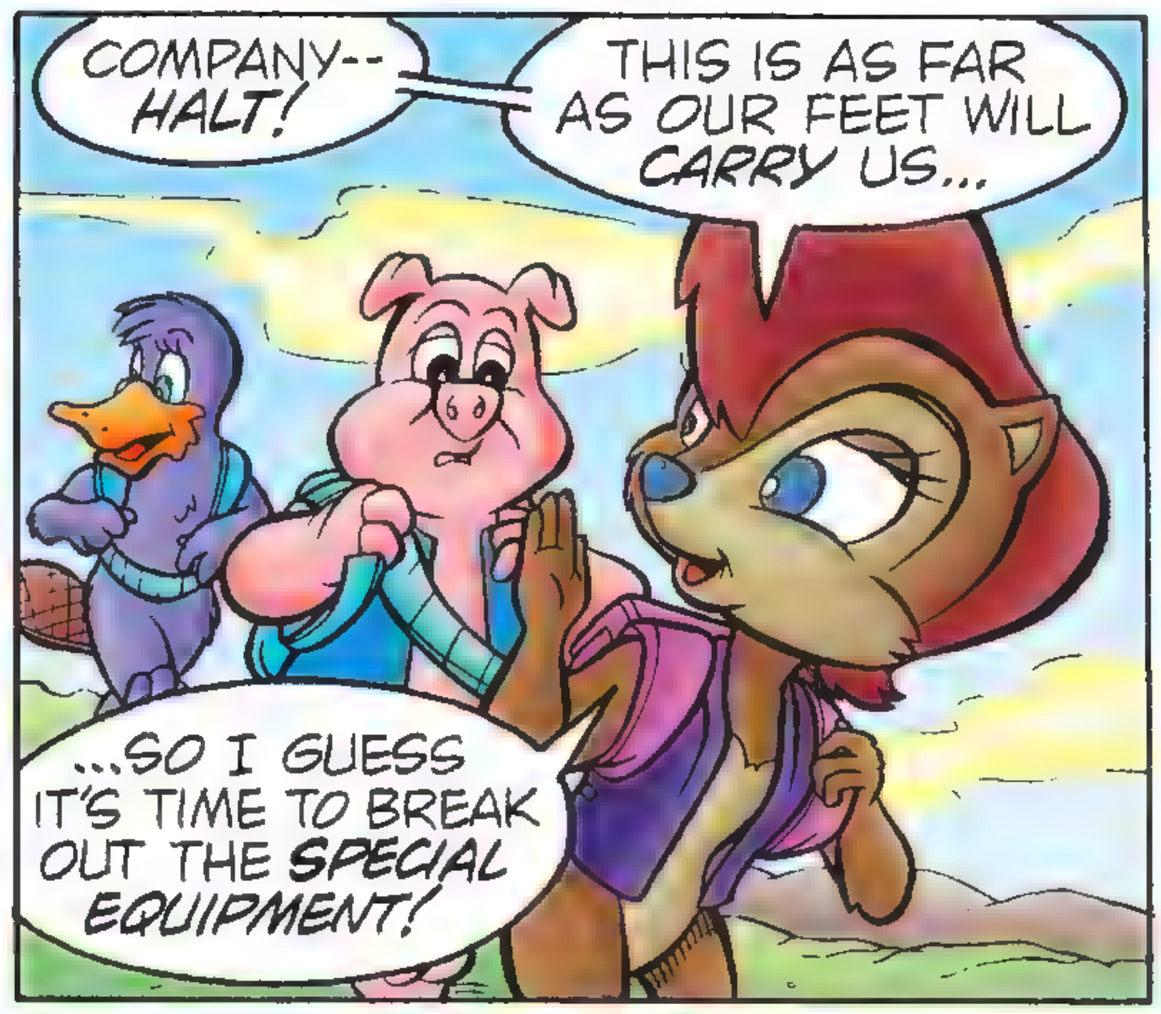

...IT'S ARMED LIKE A FORTRESS!
LOCATED INSIDE THIS ATOLL*, THE SURROUNDING WATERS MAKE IT ALL BUT IMPREGNABLE TO CONVENTIONAL MEANS OF ATTACK!
*A RINGLIKE ISLAND THAT ENCLOSES A LAGOON-Ed.

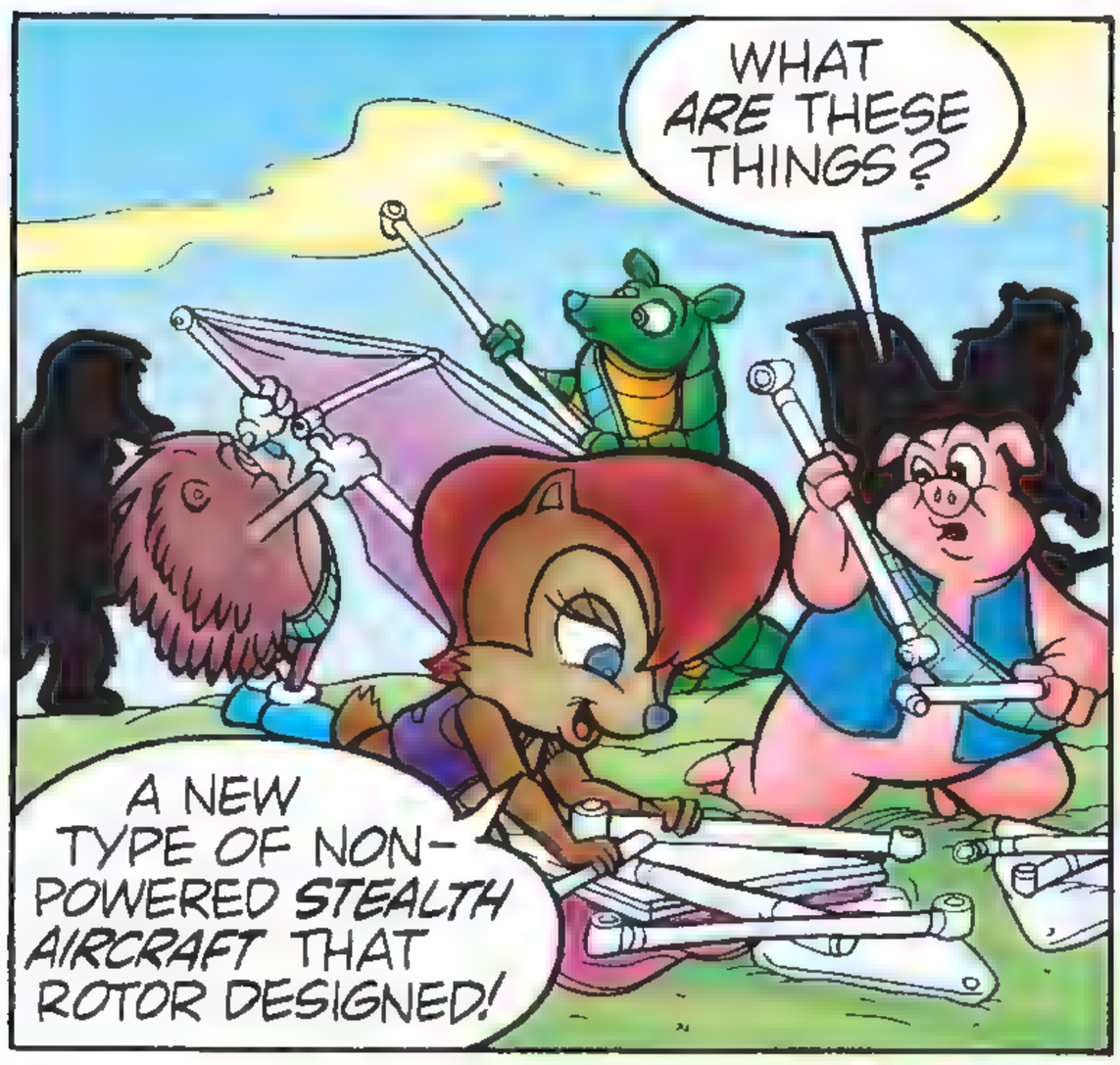

THEN-- WHAT CAN WE DO?
WE CAN START THINKING UNCONVENTIONALLY, PENELOPE!
FOR EVERY PROBLEM, THERE'S A SOLUTION...

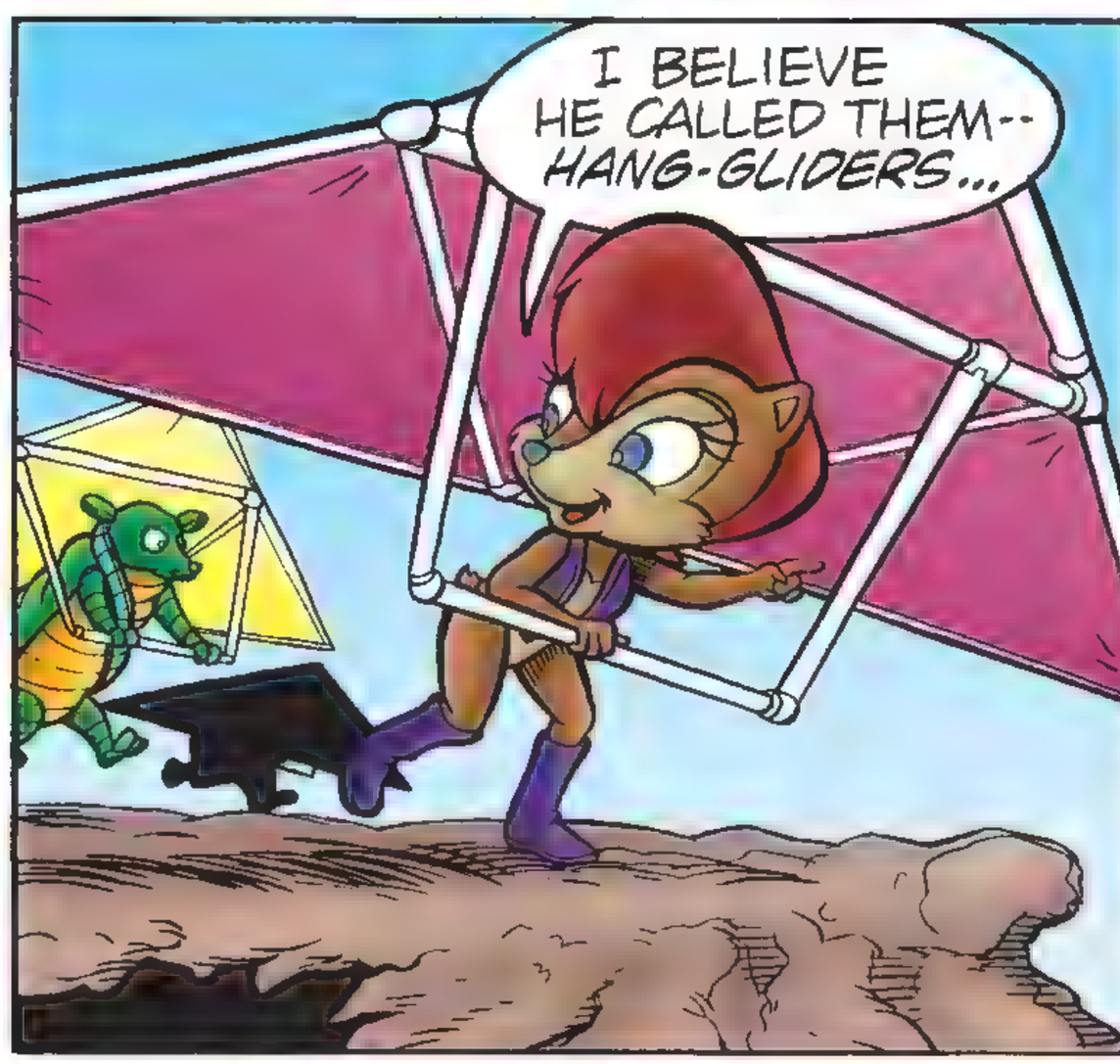

...AND I KNOW JUST THE THING! PACK YOUR GEAR, AND GET READY TO MOVE OUT!
BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING?

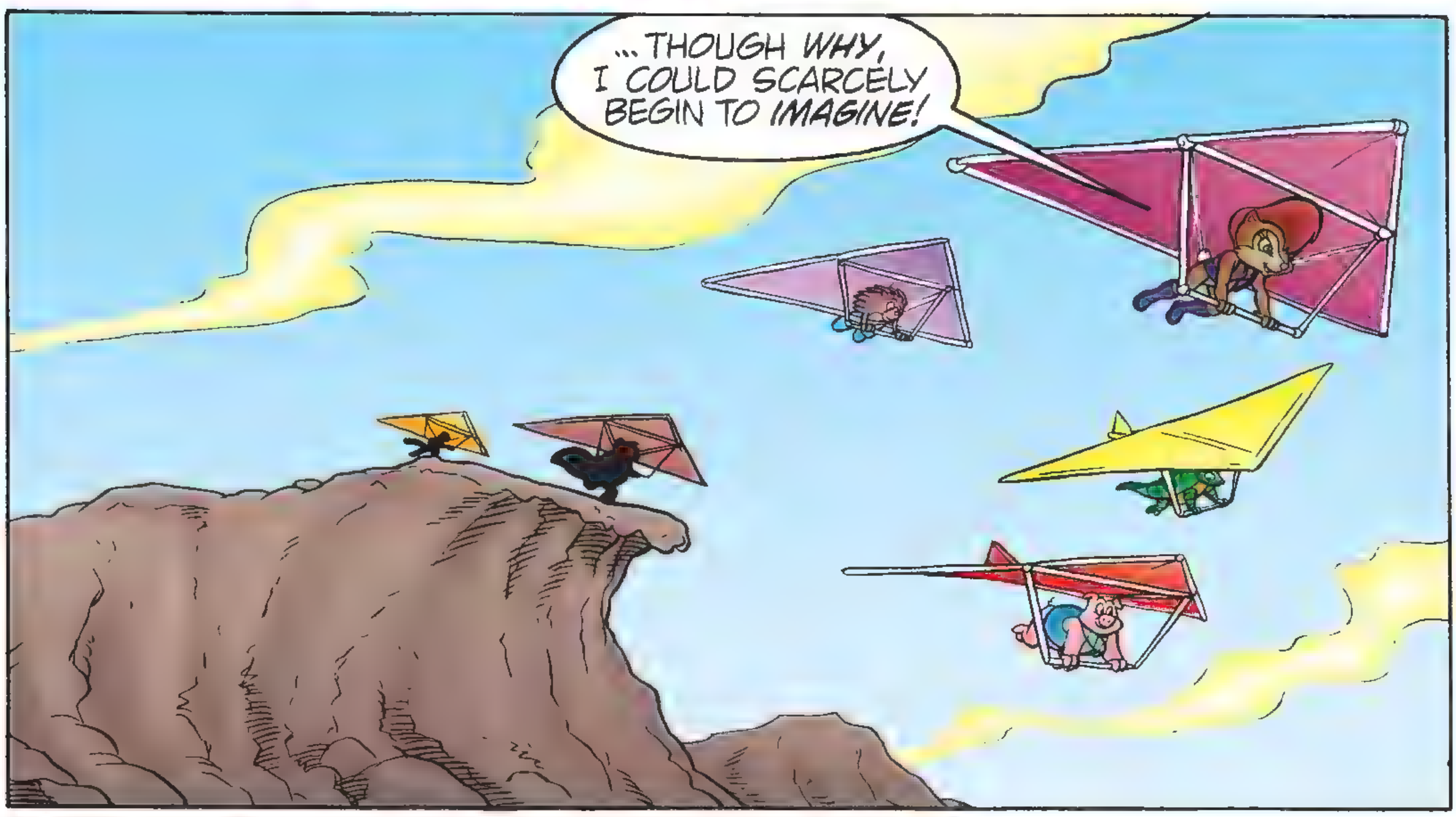
TO THE TOP OF THOSE CLIFFS, OVERLOOKING THE ATOLL!
IF GEOGRAPHY CAN BE USED AGAINST US...

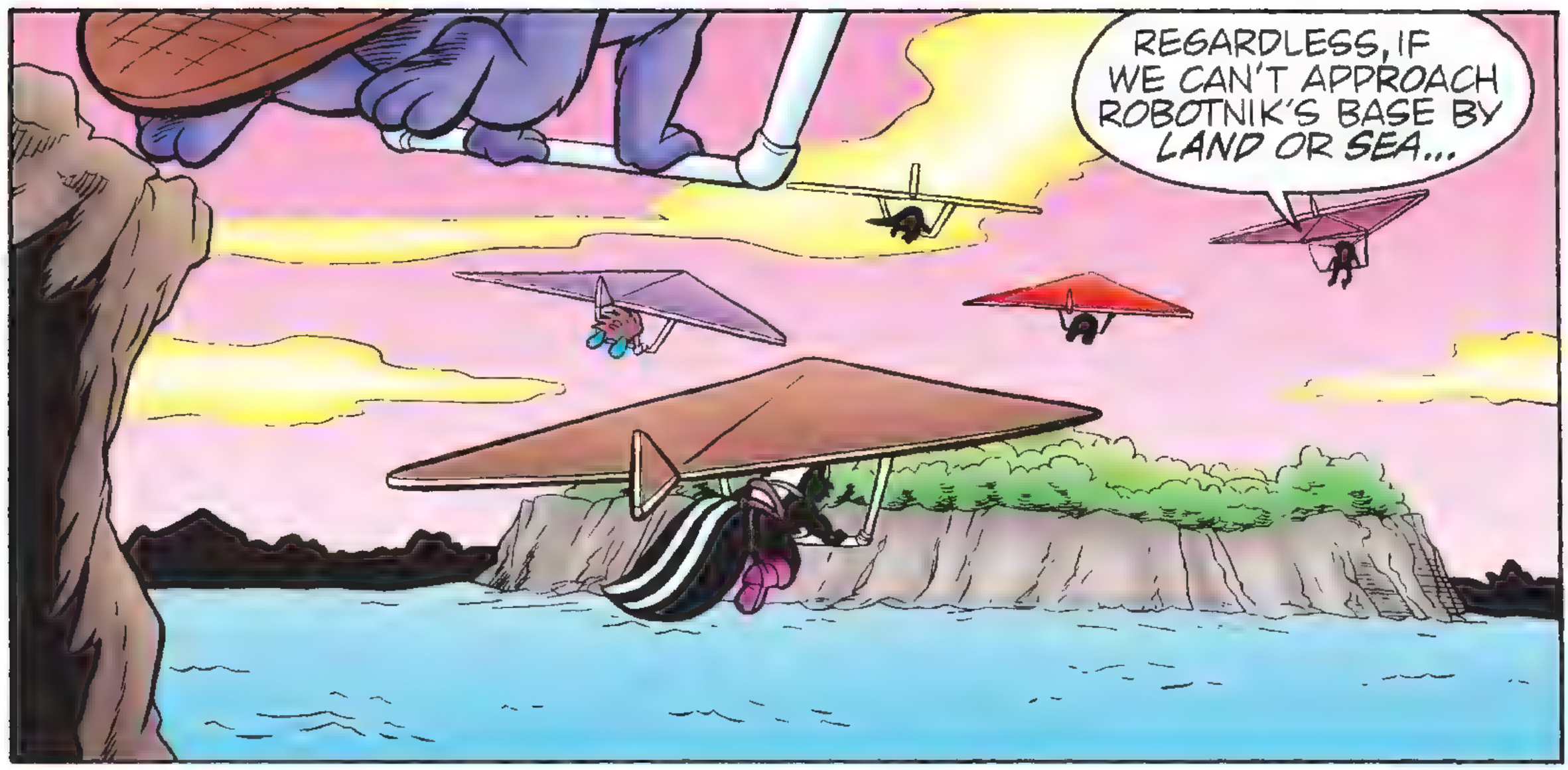

"...I'M BETTING IT CAN ALSO BE MADE TO WORK IN OUR FAVOR!"
ARE WE THERE YET?
OH, BE QUIET!

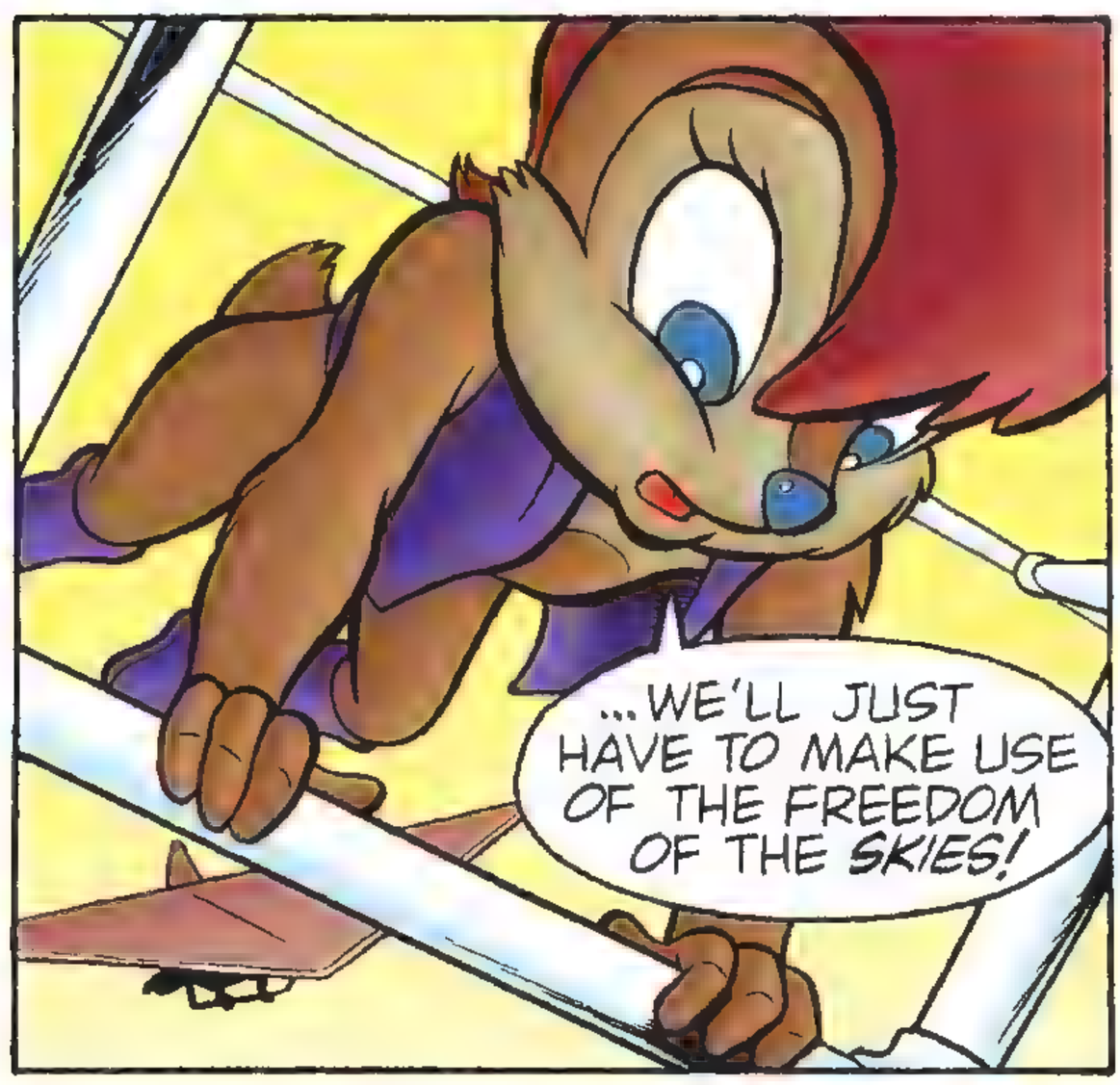

COMPANY-- HALT!
THIS IS AS FAR AS OUR FEET WILL CARRY US...
...SO I GUESS IT'S TIME TO BREAK OUT THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT!

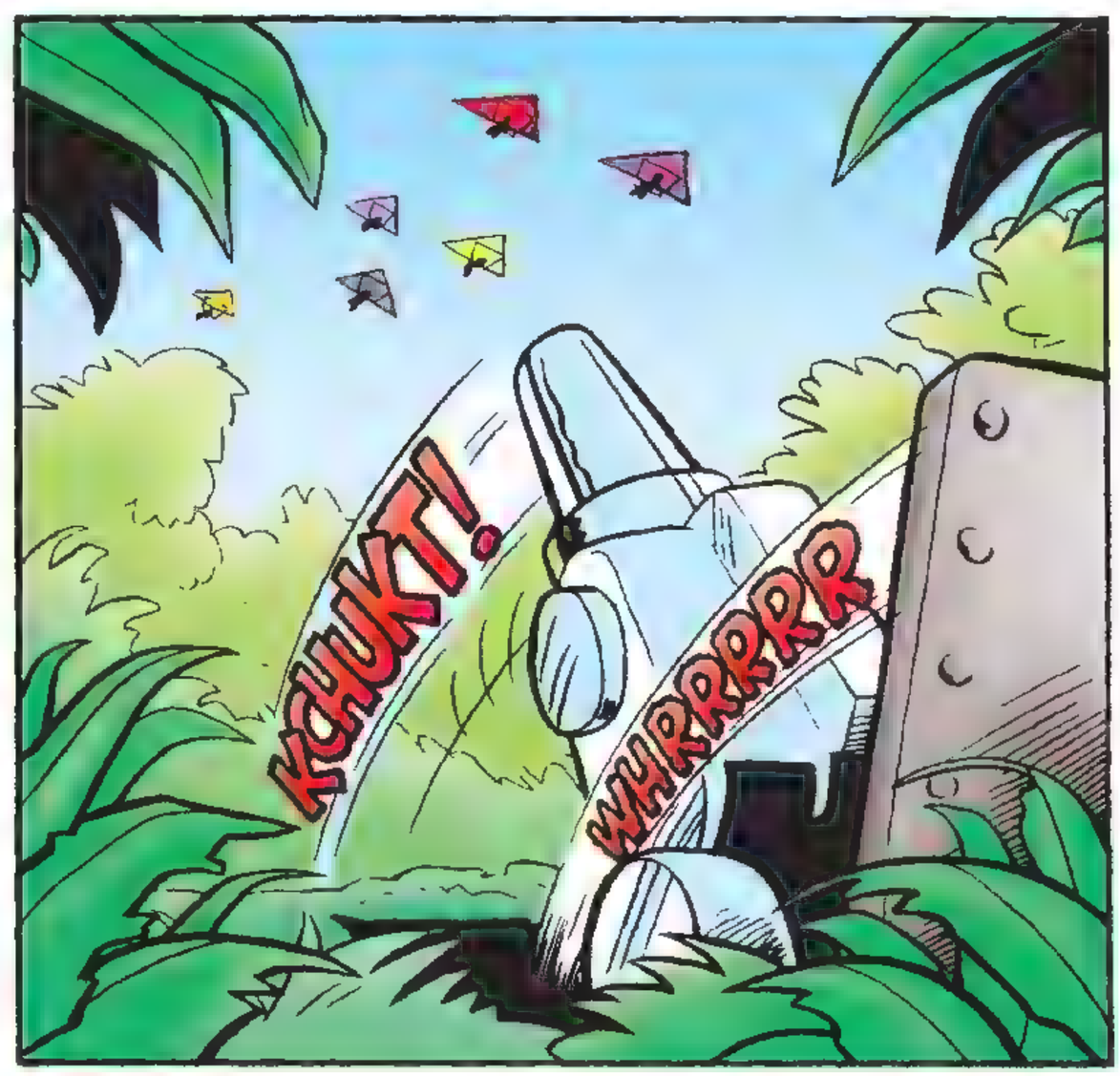

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?
A NEW TYPE OF NON-POWERED STEALTH AIRCRAFT THAT ROTOR DESIGNED!

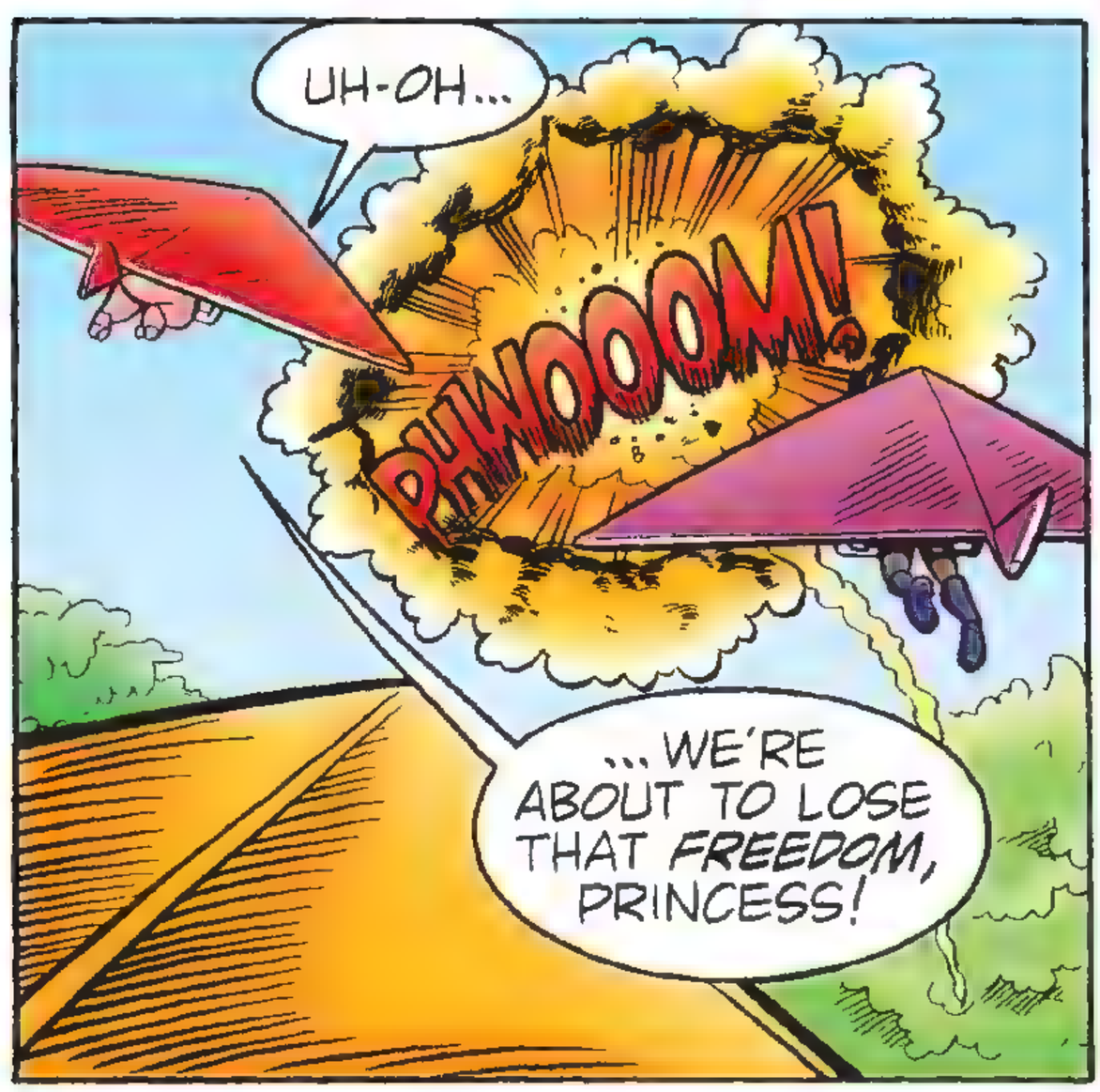

I BELIEVE HE CALLED THEM-- HANG-GLIDERS...


...THOUGH WHY, I COULD SCARCELY BEGIN TO IMAGINE!

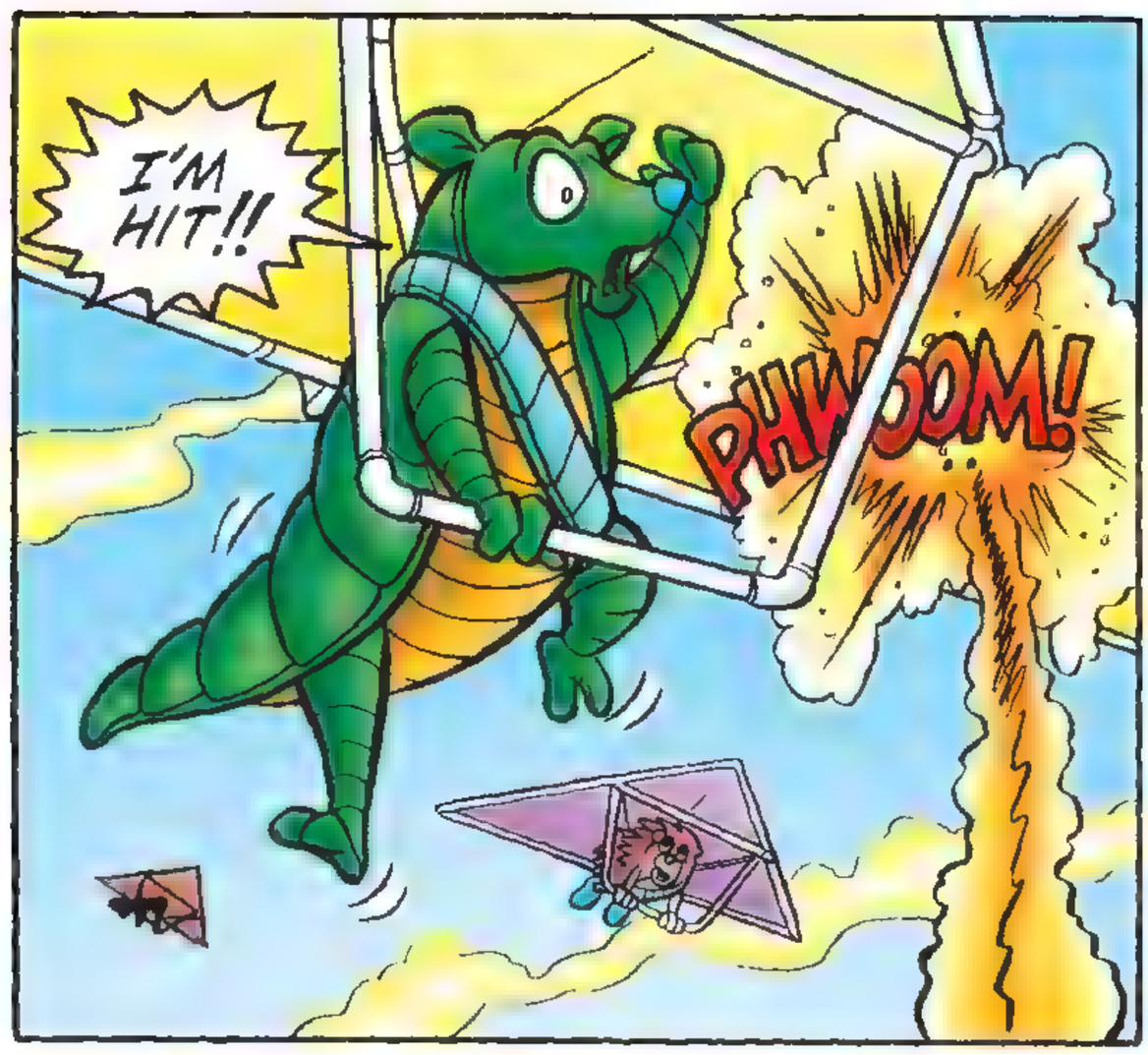

REGARDLESS, IF WE CAN'T APPROACH ROBOTNIK'S BASE BY LAND OR SEA...

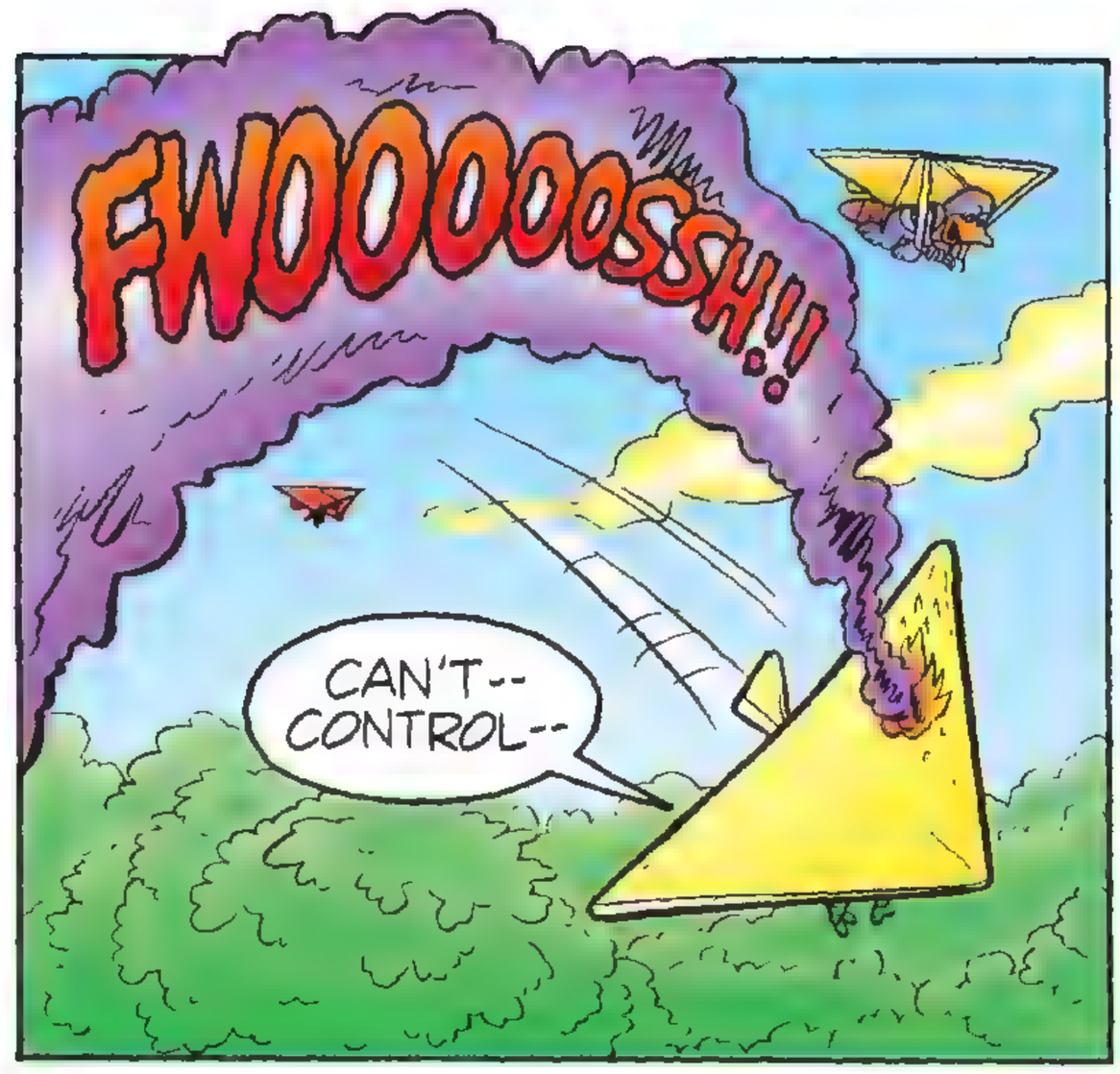

...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE USE OF THE FREEDOM OF THE SKIES!

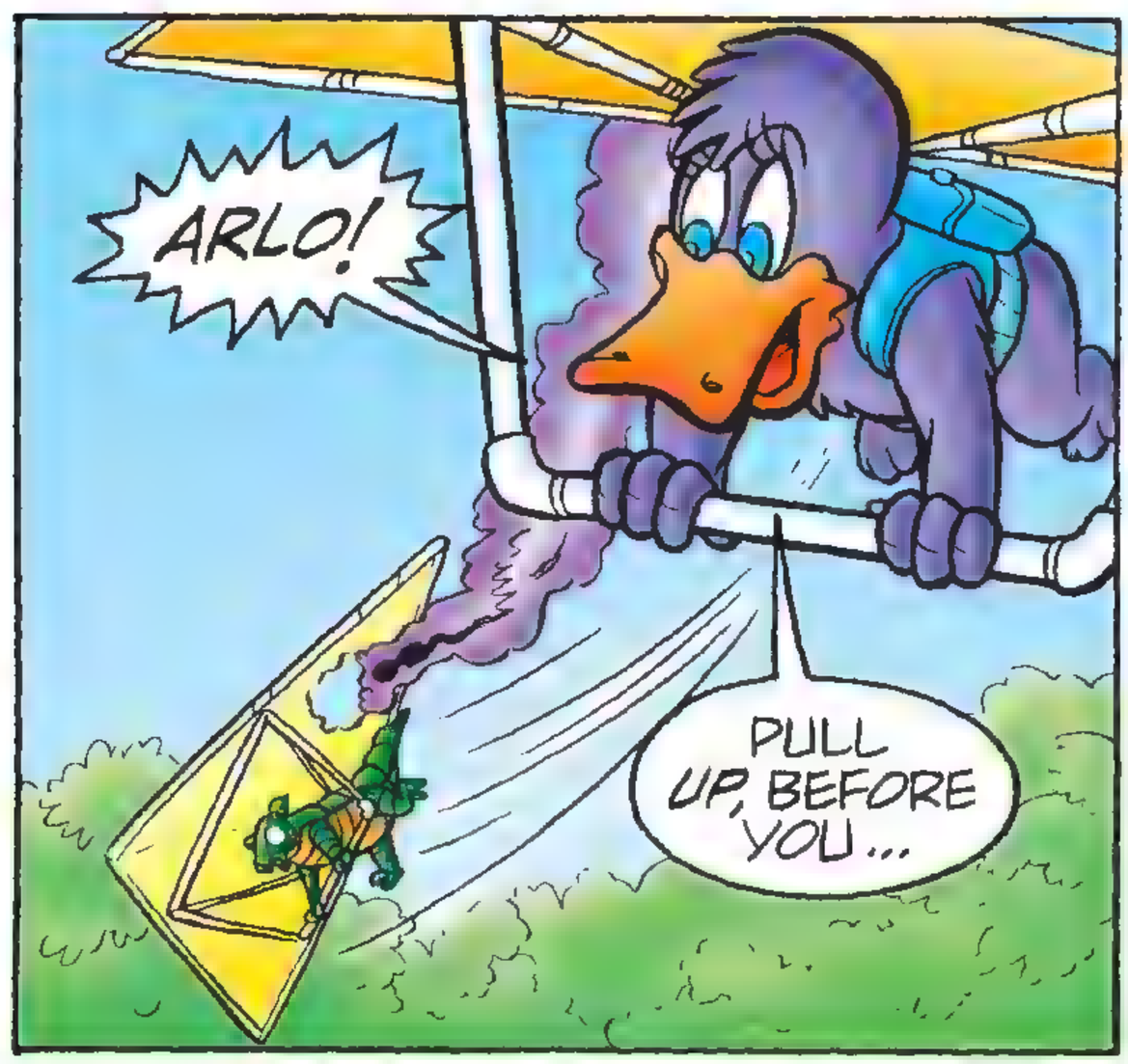

KCHUKT!
WHIRRRRR

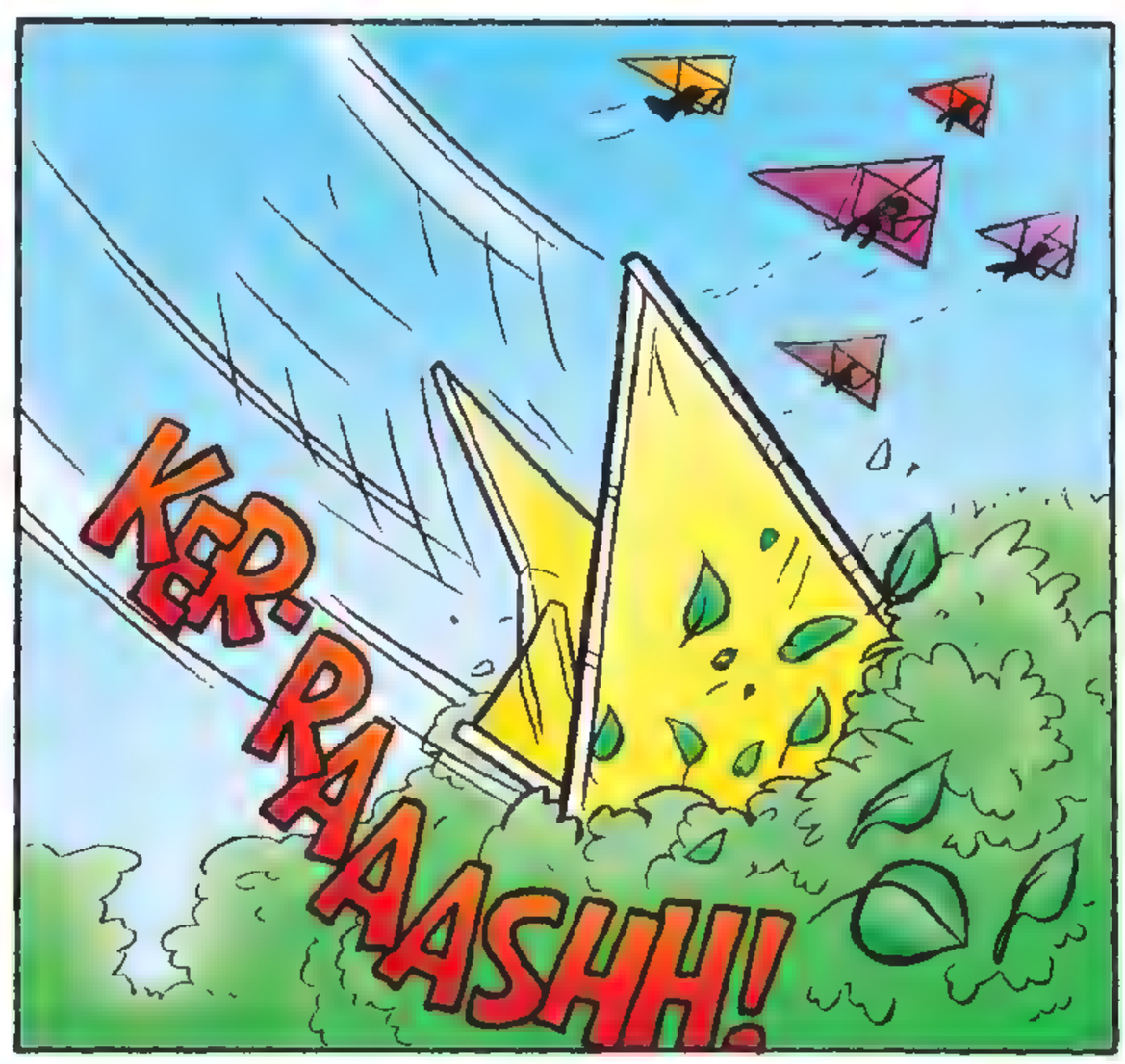

UH-OH...
PUWOOOM!!
...WE'RE ABOUT TO LOSE THAT FREEDOM, PRINCESS!

EVERYONE!! --TAKE EVASIVE ACTION, BEFORE...


I'M HIT!!
PHWOOM!

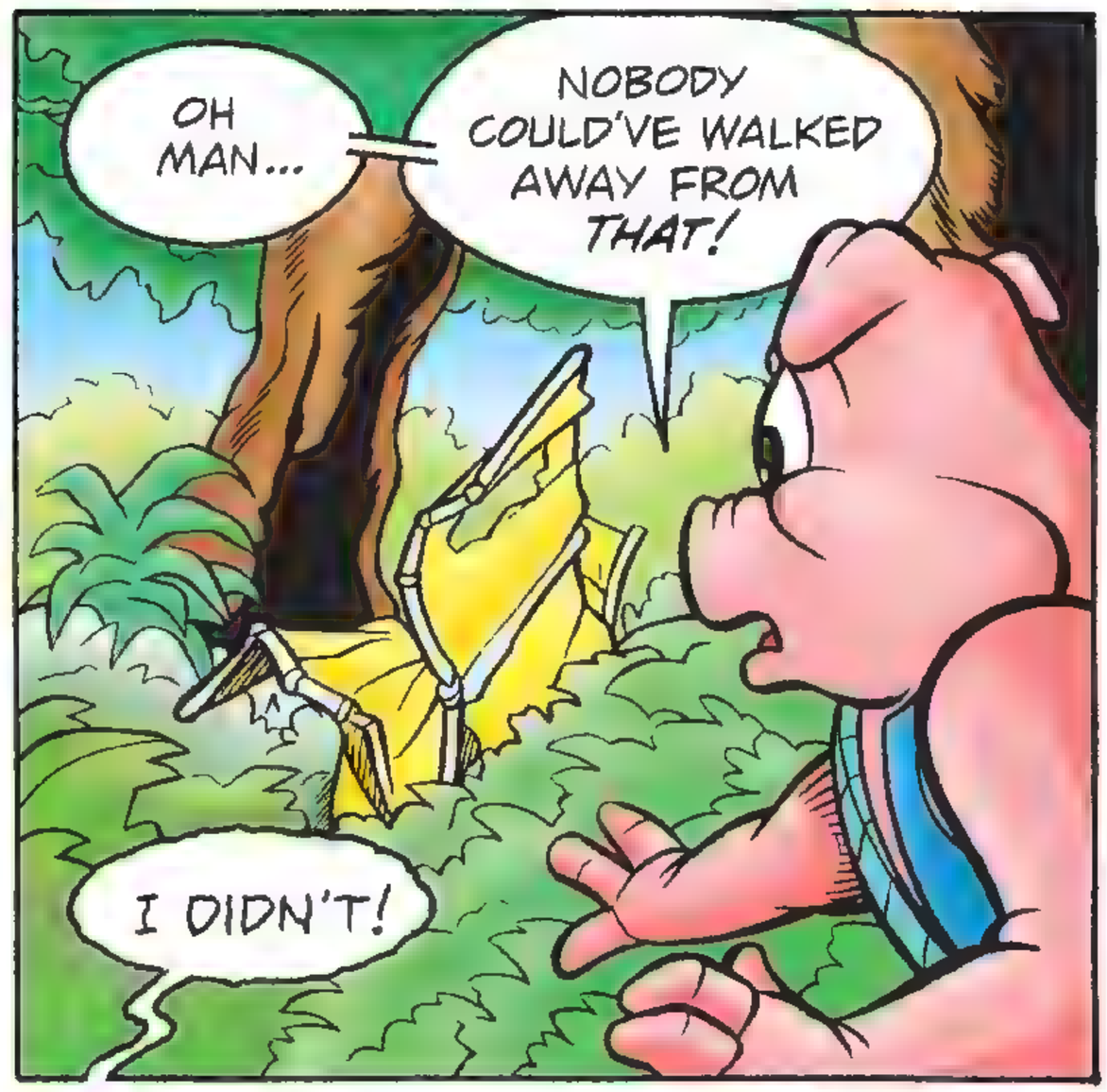

FWOOOOOSSH!!
CAN'T-- CONTROL--


ARLO!
PULL UP, BEFORE YOU...


KER-RAAASHH!

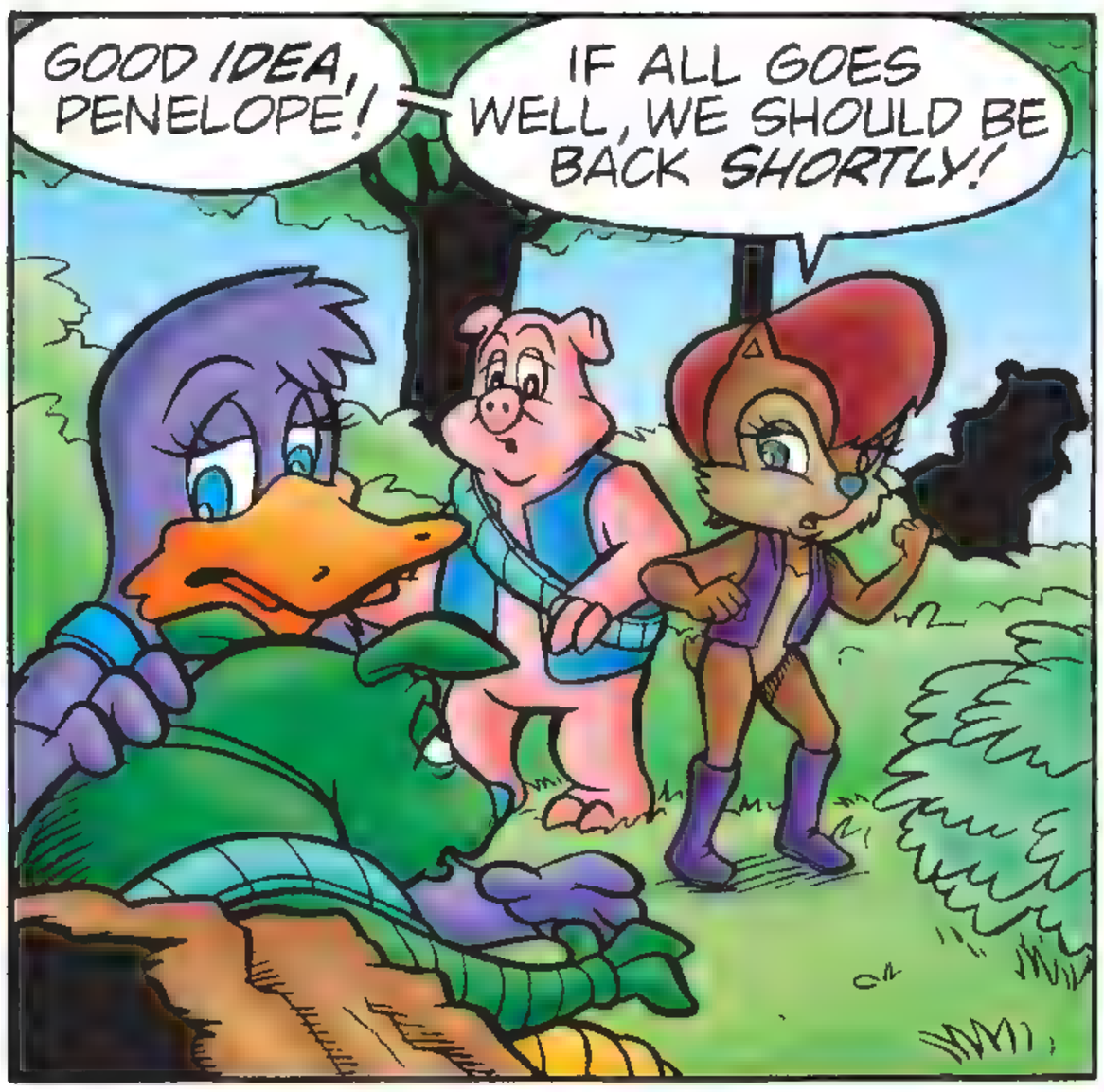
QUICK! DITCH THE GLIDERS, THEN FOLLOW ME INTO THE UNDERBRUSH!
BUT ARLO--!
ROBOTNIK'S FORCES ALREADY KNOW WE'RE HERE, HAMLIN!
IF THEY CAPTURE US, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DOUBLE BACK AND SEARCH FOR ARLO!

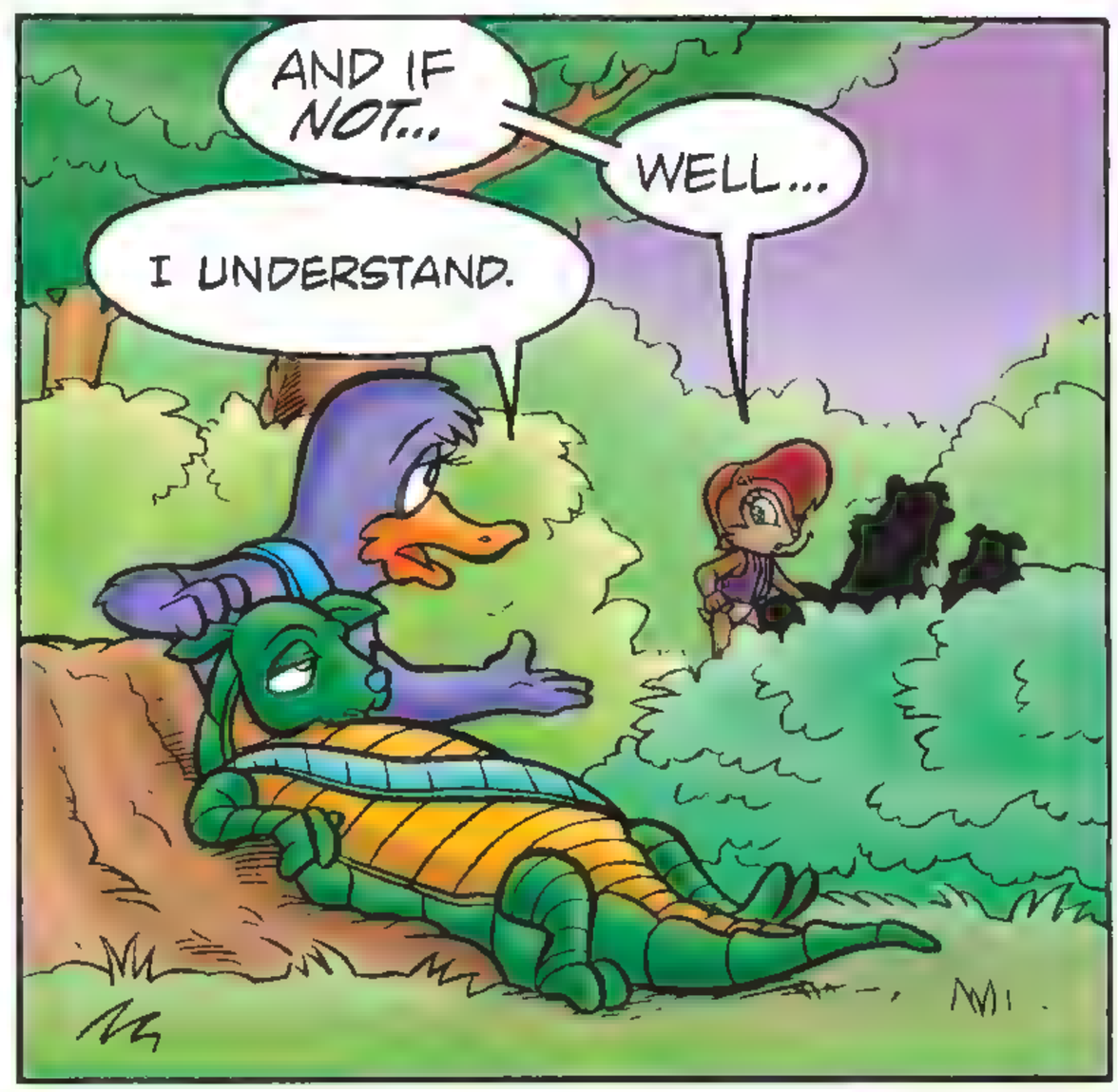
THIS WAY!
I THINK I'VE SPOTTED SOMETHING!

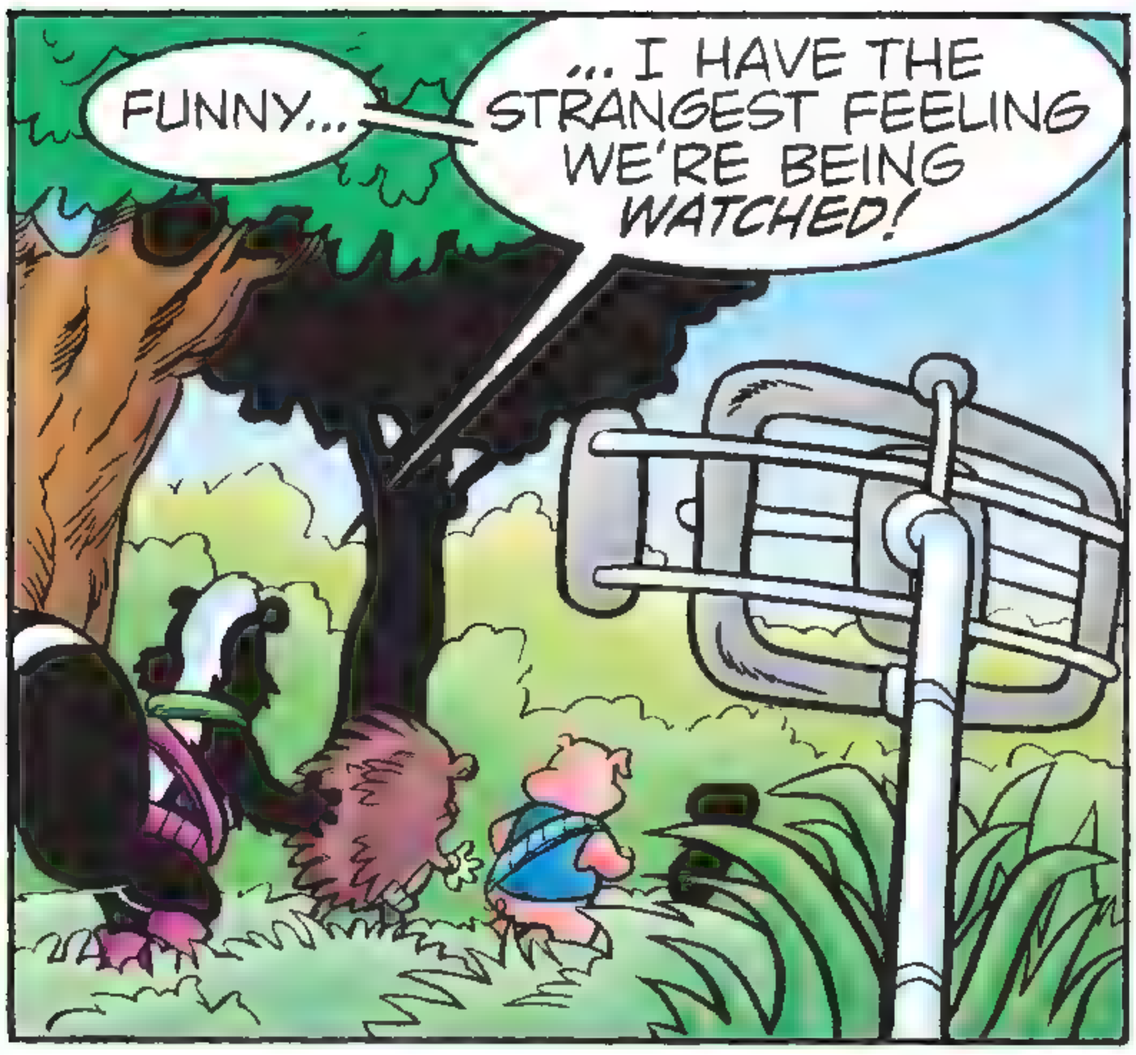

OH MAN...
NOBODY COULD'VE WALKED AWAY FROM THAT!
I DIDN'T!

THERE HE IS!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IT-- ONLY HURTS--WHEN I MOVE, PRINCESS!

YOU'RE LUCKY TO FEEL ANYTHING, PAL! THAT GLIDER'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON...
...AND NEITHER ARE YOU, WITH THAT BROKEN LEG!
MAYBE I SHOULD STAY BEHIND WITH HIM!

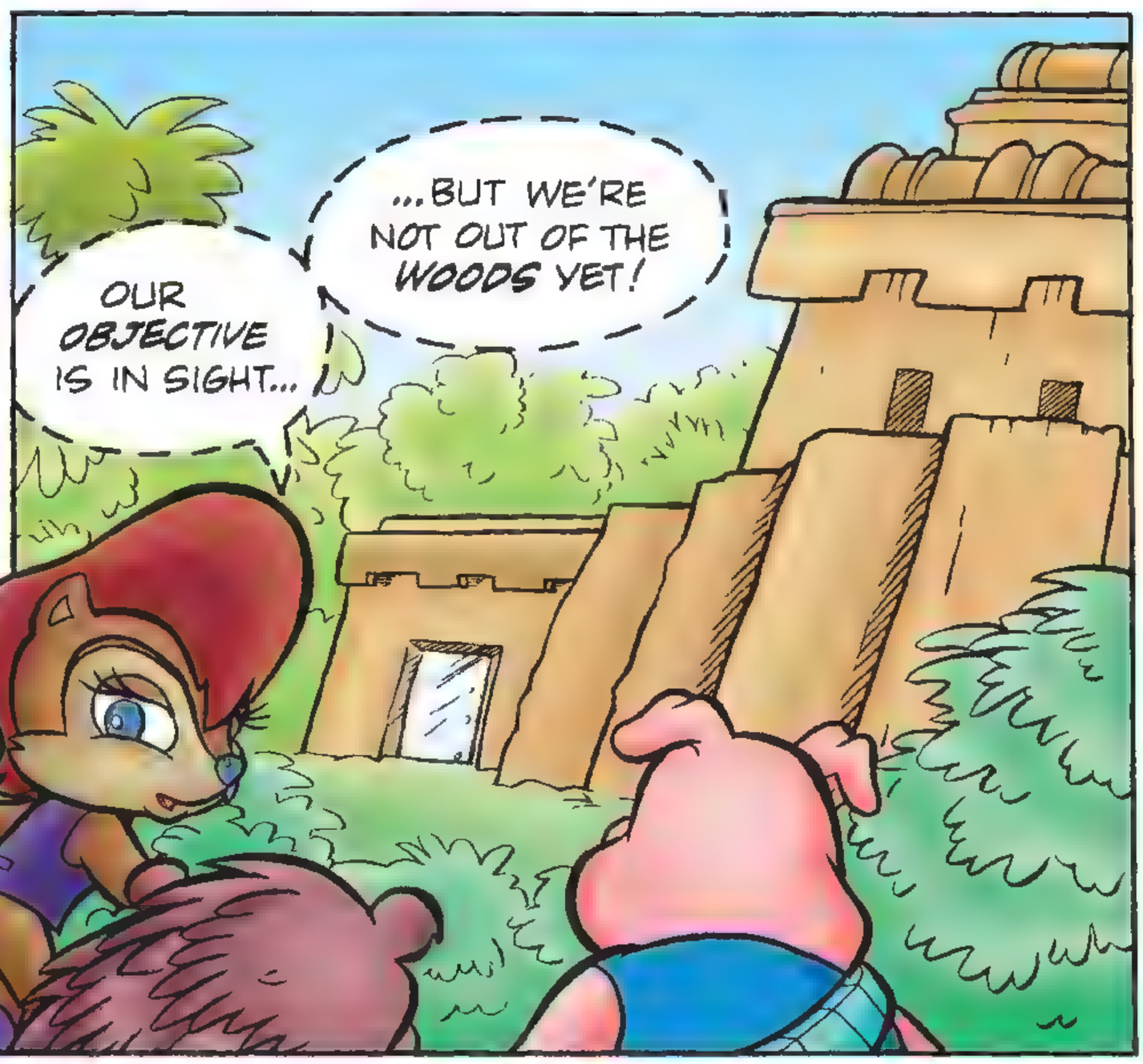

GOOD IDEA, PENELOPE!
IF ALL GOES WELL, WE SHOULD BE BACK SHORTLY!

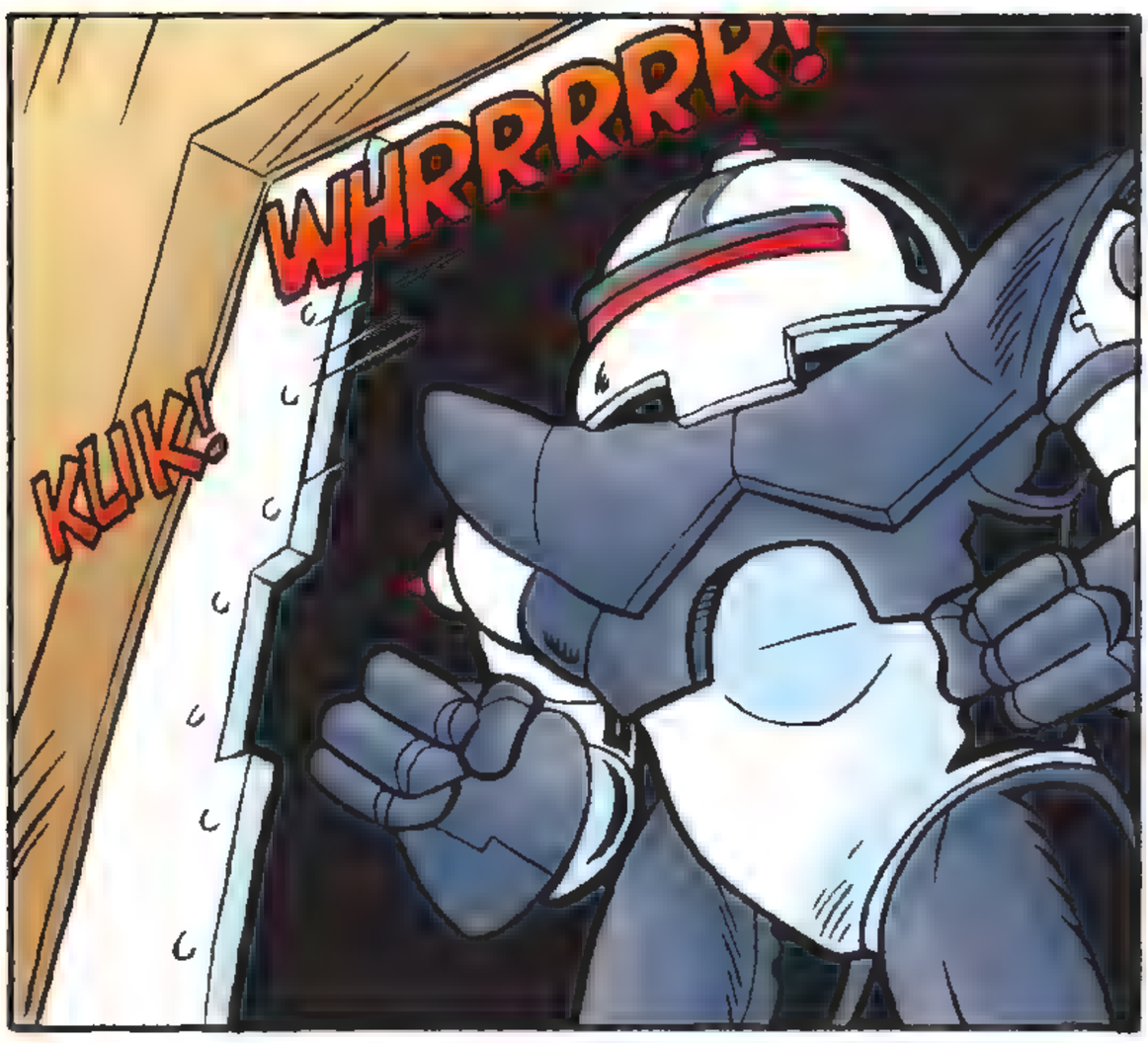

AND IF NOT...
WELL...
I UNDERSTAND.

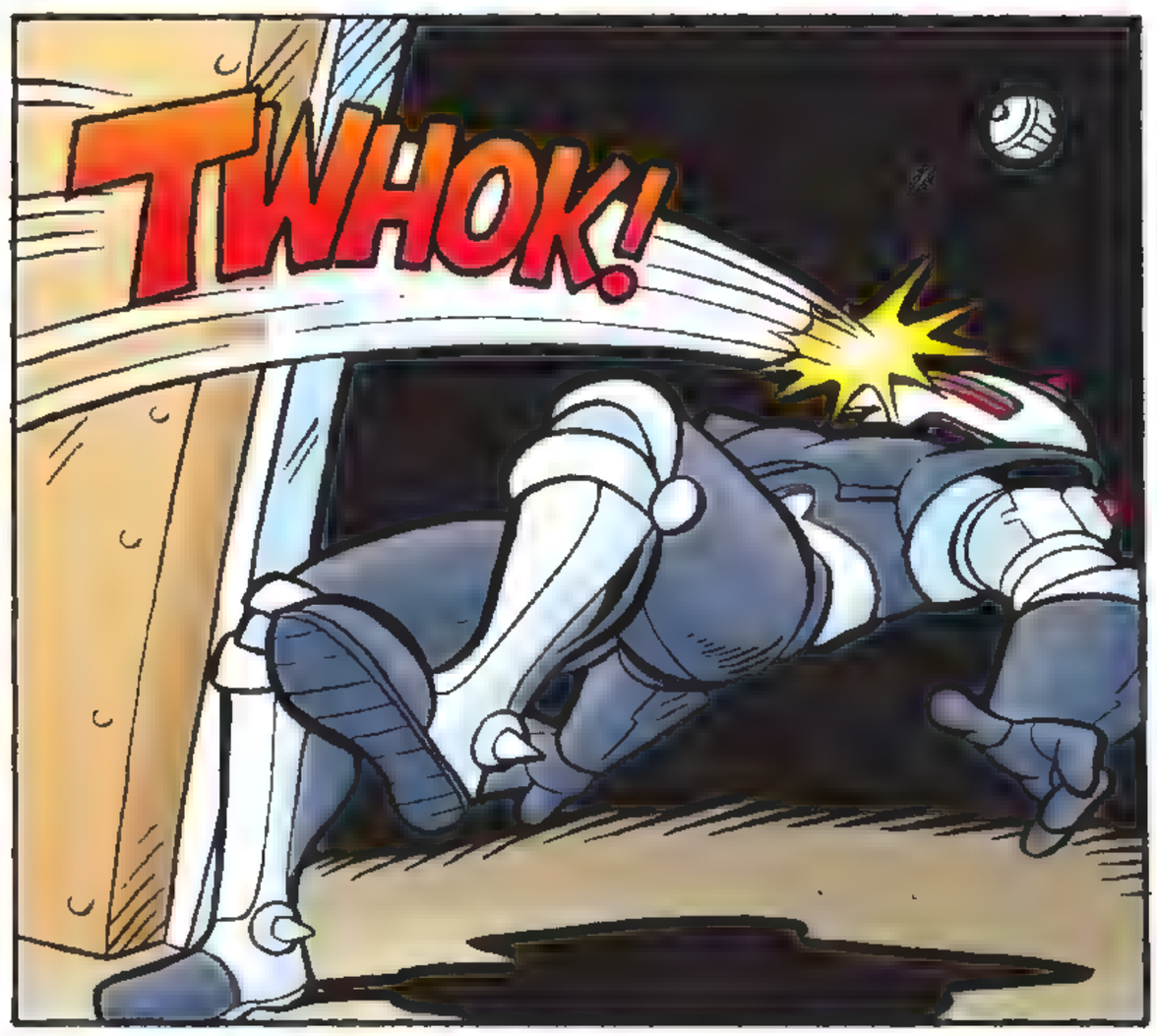

FUNNY...
... I HAVE THE STRANGEST FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED!

PROBABLY JUST A CASE OF THE JITTERS, GEOFFREY--
OR COLD FEET!

MAYBE SO, LUV!
BUT STILL...
SHHH!


OUR OBJECTIVE IS IN SIGHT...
...BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET!


WHRRRRRK!
KLIK!

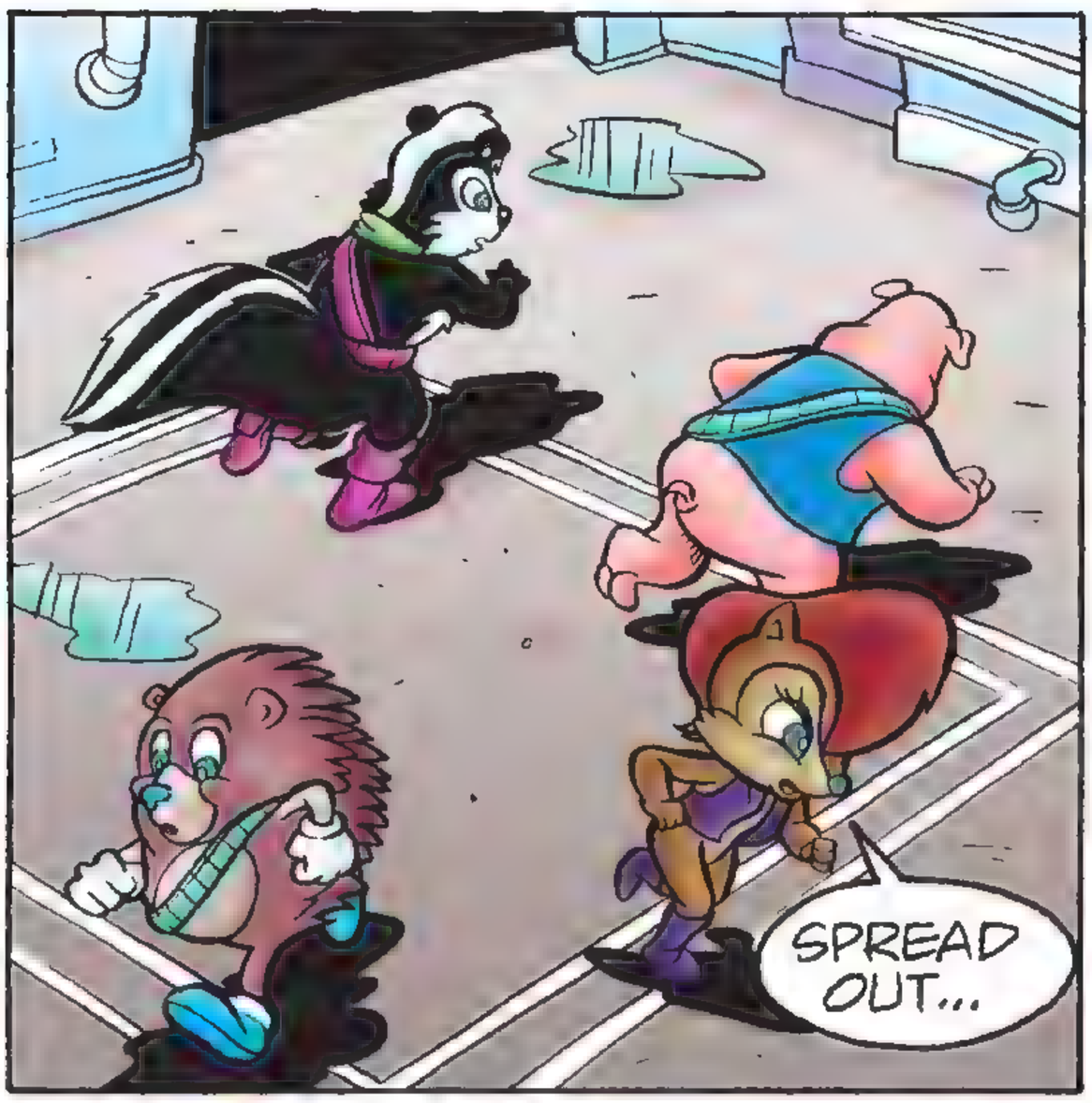

TWHOK!

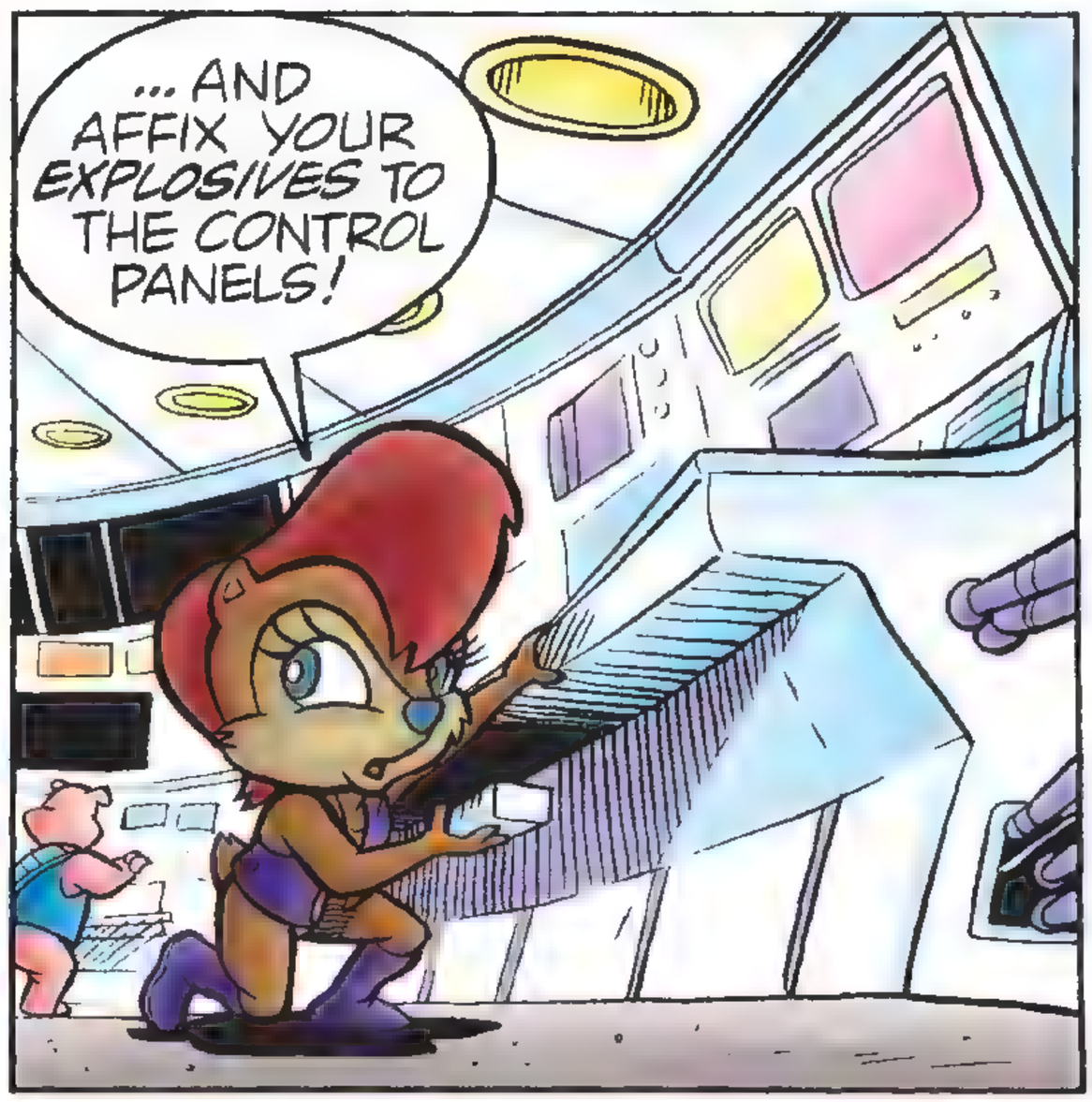
PLACE ISN'T MUCH TO *LOOK* AT, *IS* IT?

APPEARANCES CAN BE QUITE *DECEIVING*, GEOFFREY...

...AS *YOU* SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN MOST!

NOW-- JUST LIKE WE *REHEARSED!*



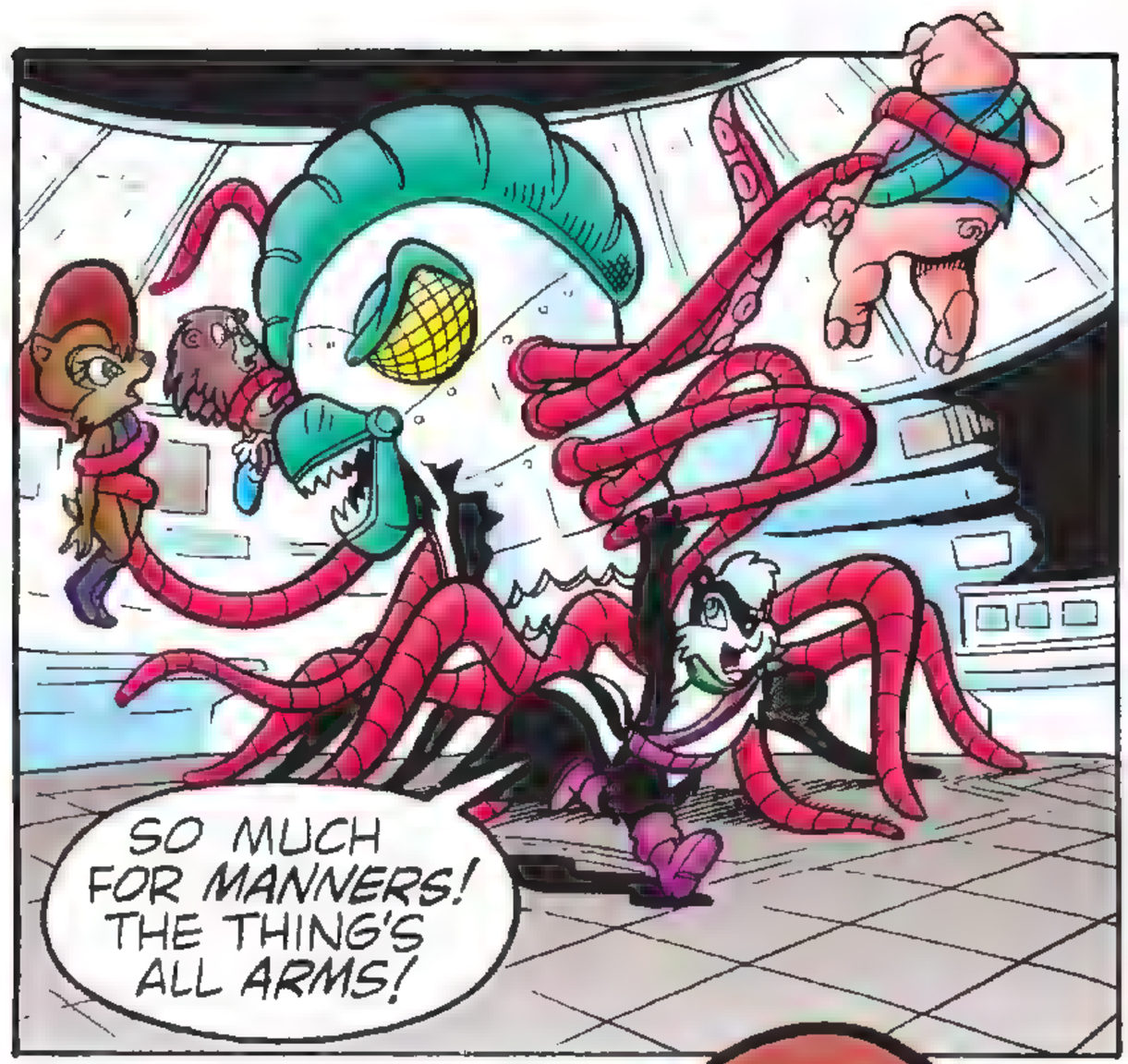


HOLEEE--!

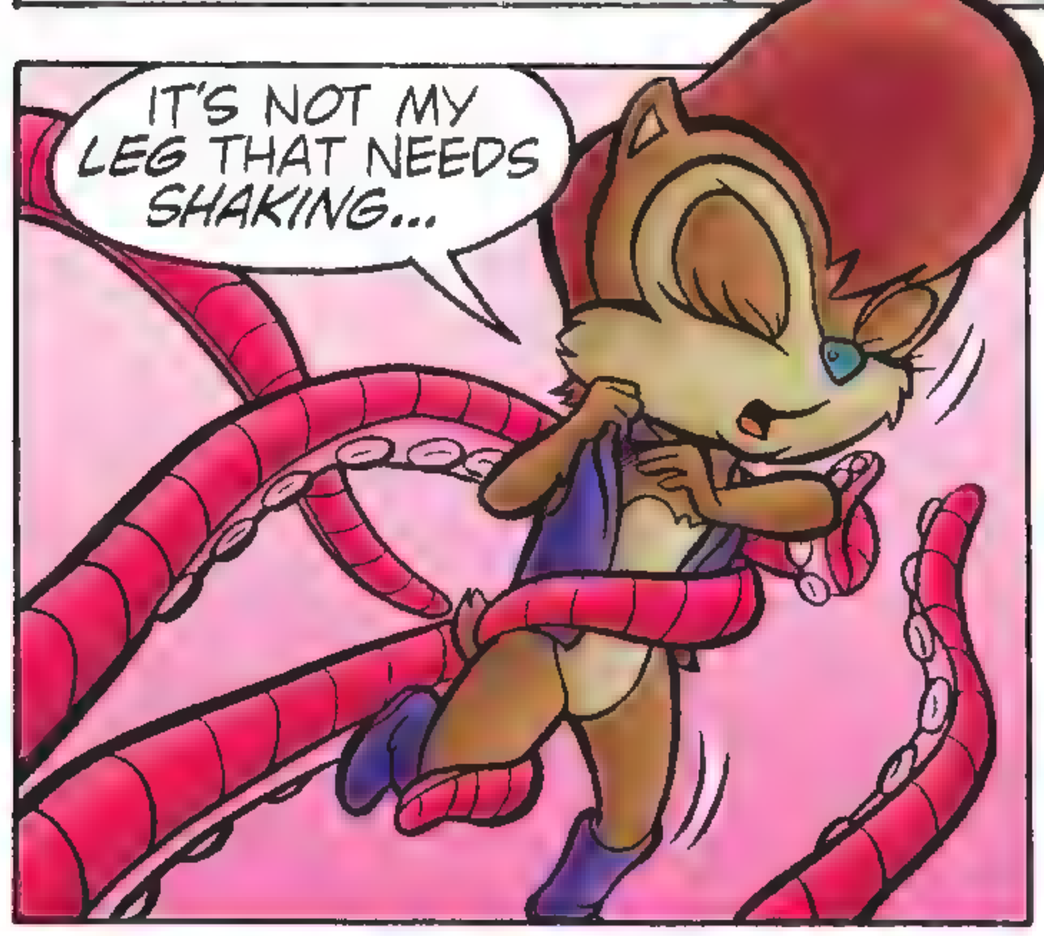
AN OCTO-POD!

AND FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS...

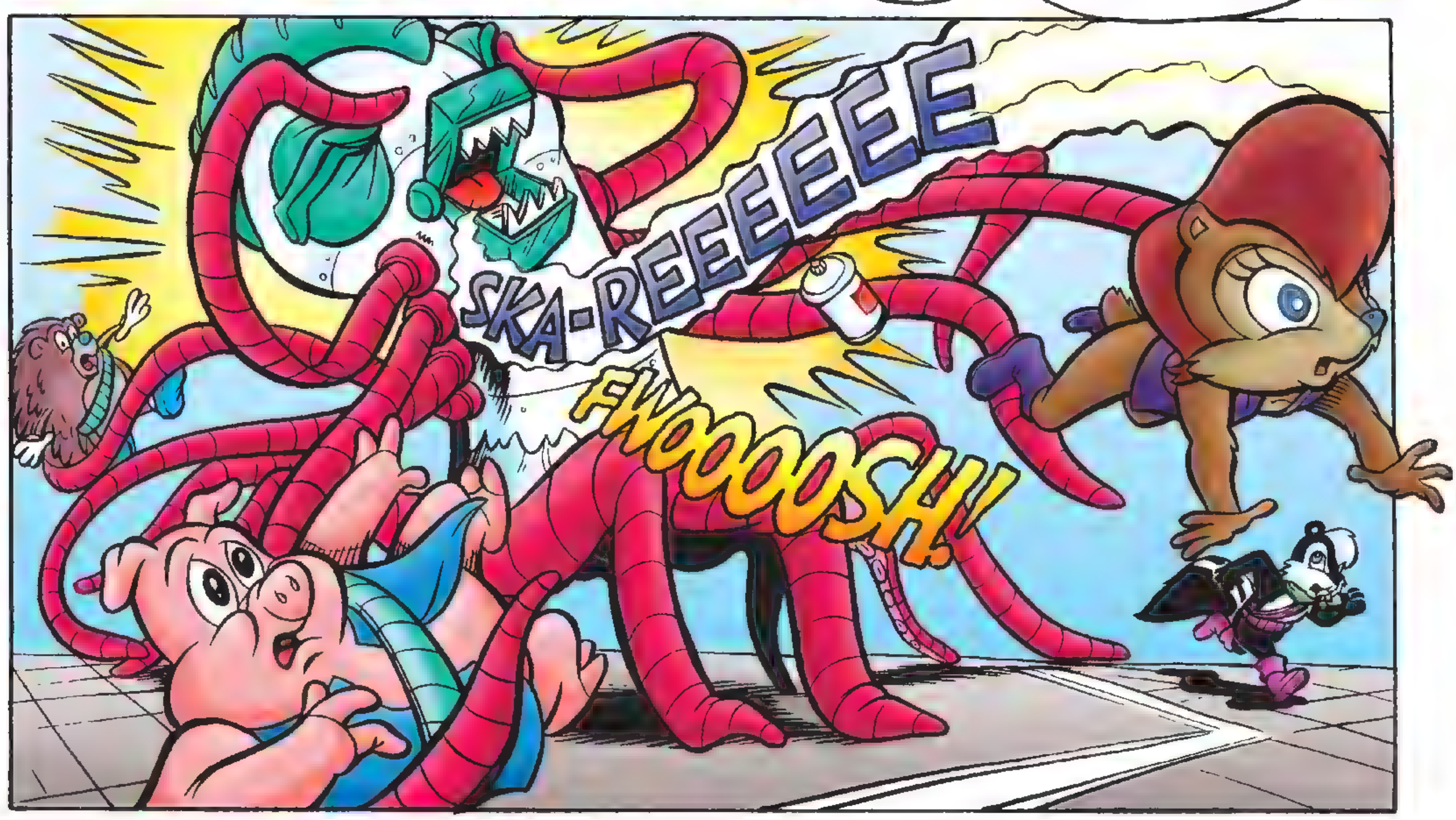
WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER, EH?
SPREAD OUT!
DISTRACT IT...
KLIKT!
ARMED
...WHILE I GIVE THIS BLOKE A PIECE OF MY MIND!
RRRRRRRRRK
HEY!!!!
THRUUPT!
THRUUPT!
WHOA!
NOW THAT'S DOWNRIGHT UNNEIGHBORLY OF YOU, MATE...
...I'D ALMOST THINK YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS!
K-CHUKT!
HERE! HAVE ONE ON ME!


SO MUCH FOR MANNERS! THE THING'S ALL ARMS!

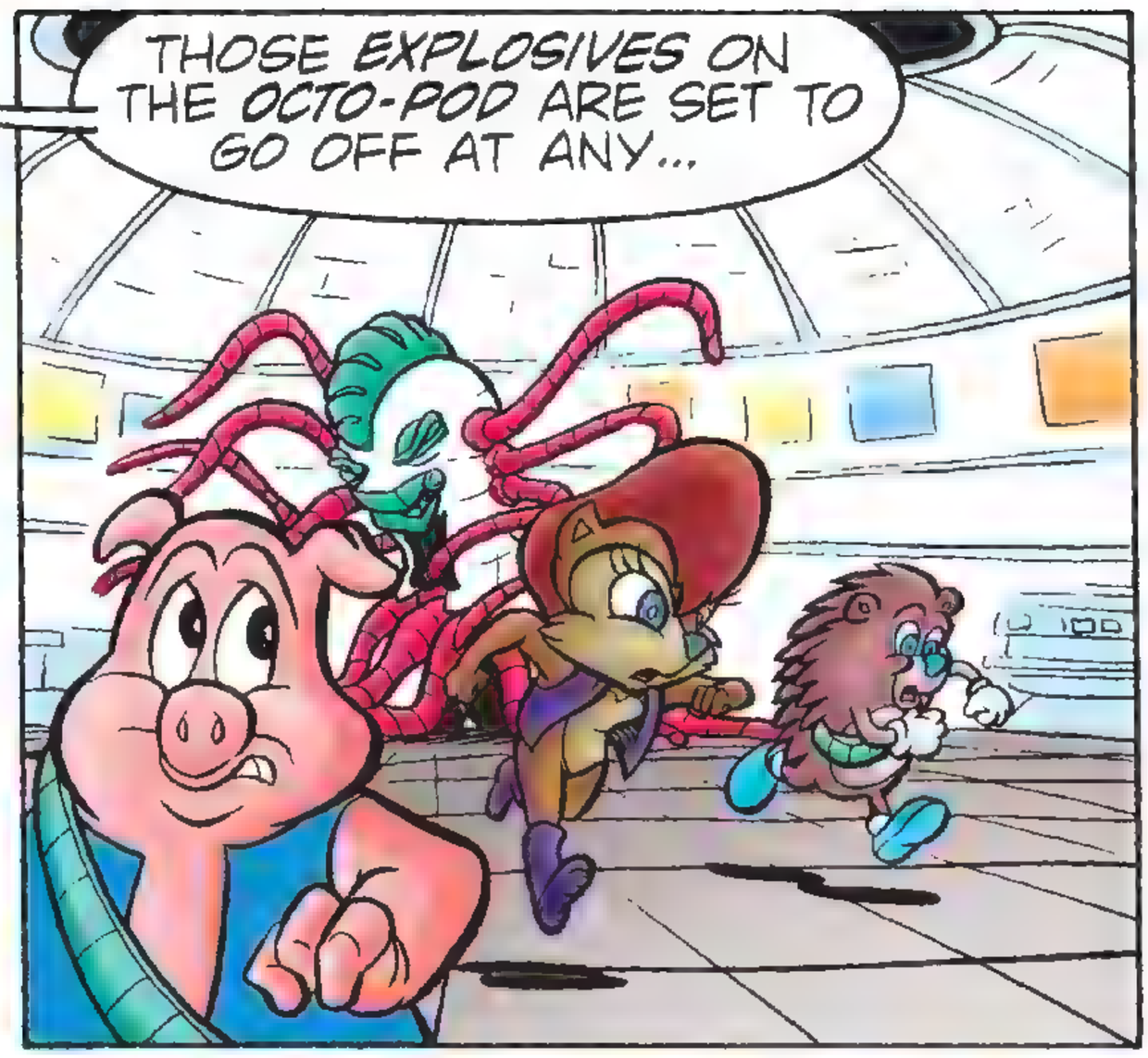
AND SPEAKING OF "ARMED"...
THAT'S THE LAST OF THE CHARGES!
BETTER SHAKE A LEG, LUV!
K-CHUNKT!


IT'S NOT MY LEG THAT NEEDS SHAKING...

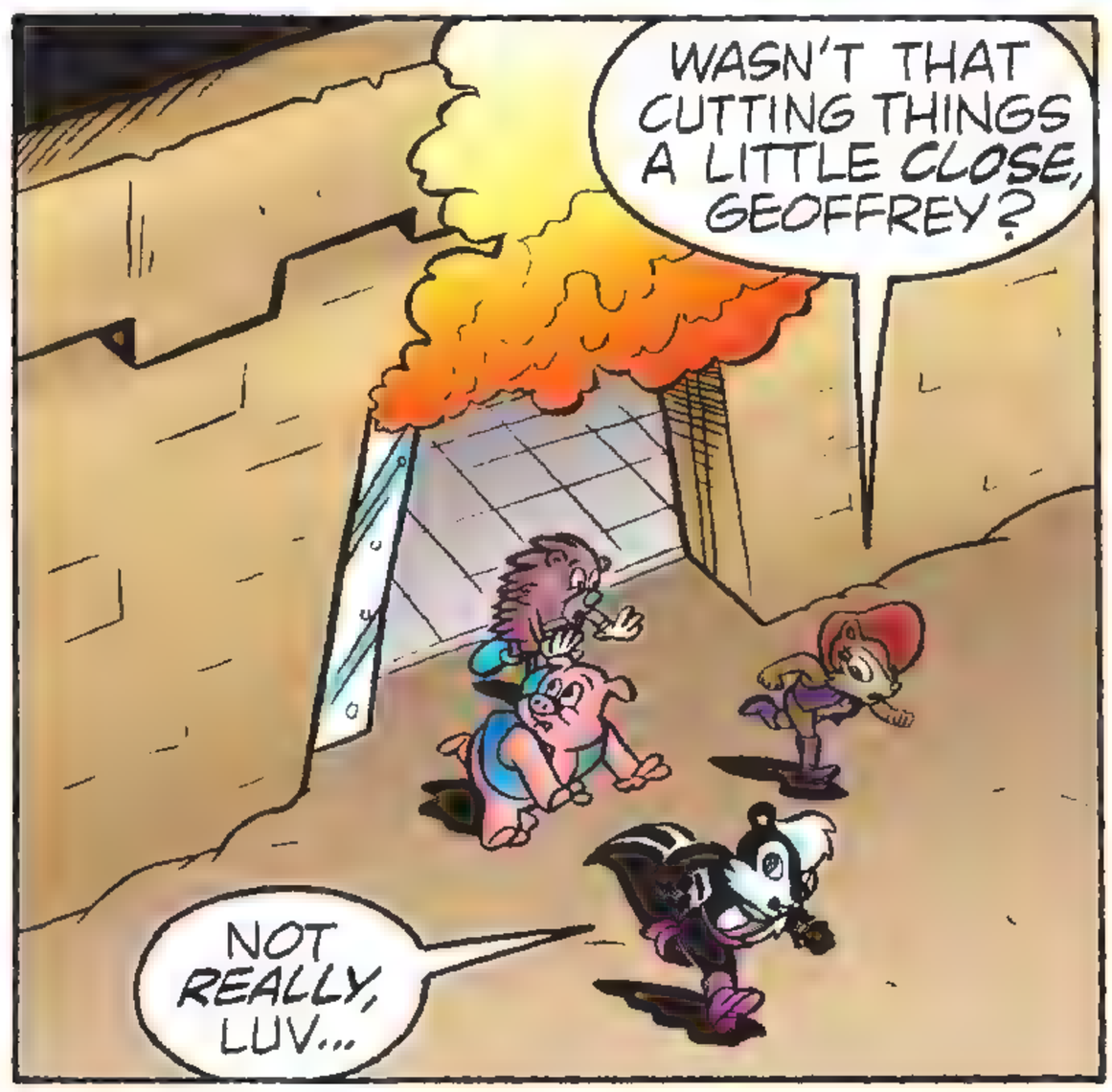
...IT'S THIS CAN OF PAINT!
FSSSST
HERE!
HAVE AN EYEFUL OF RED DYE NUMBER 2!

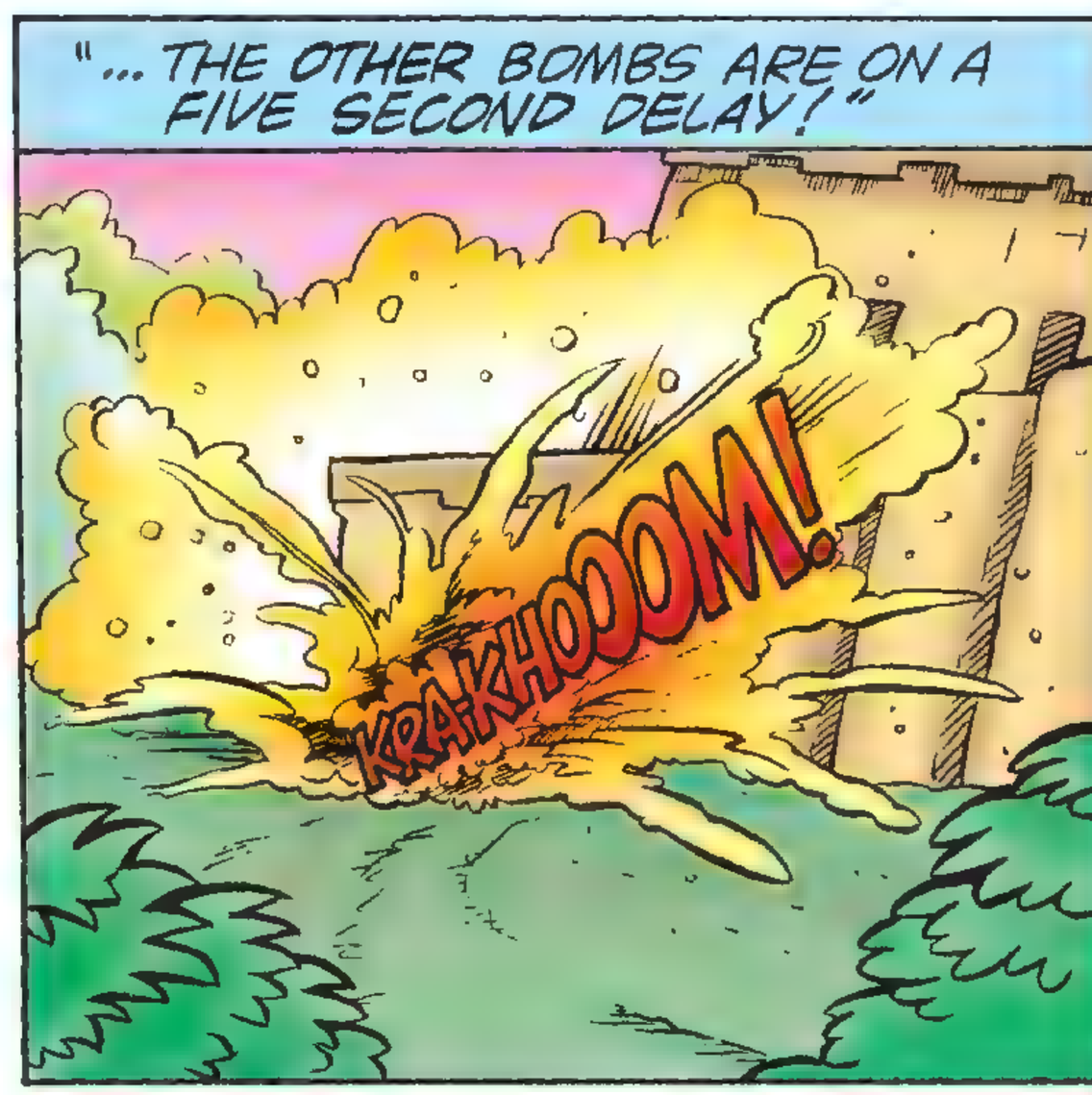

SKA-REEEEEEE
FWOOOOSH!

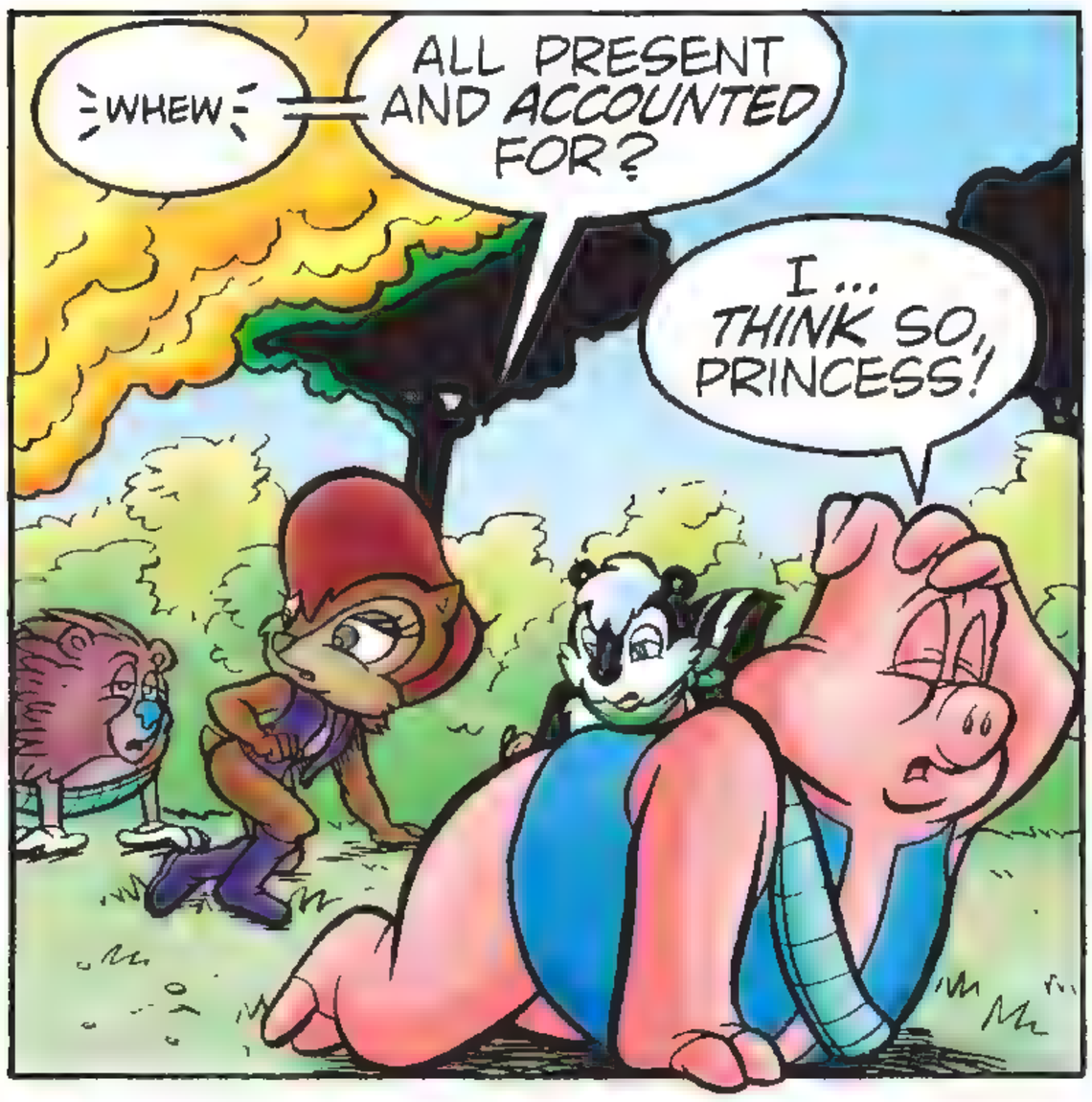
HURRY!!
RUN FOR COVER!


THOSE EXPLOSIVES ON THE OCTO-POD ARE SET TO GO OFF AT ANY...

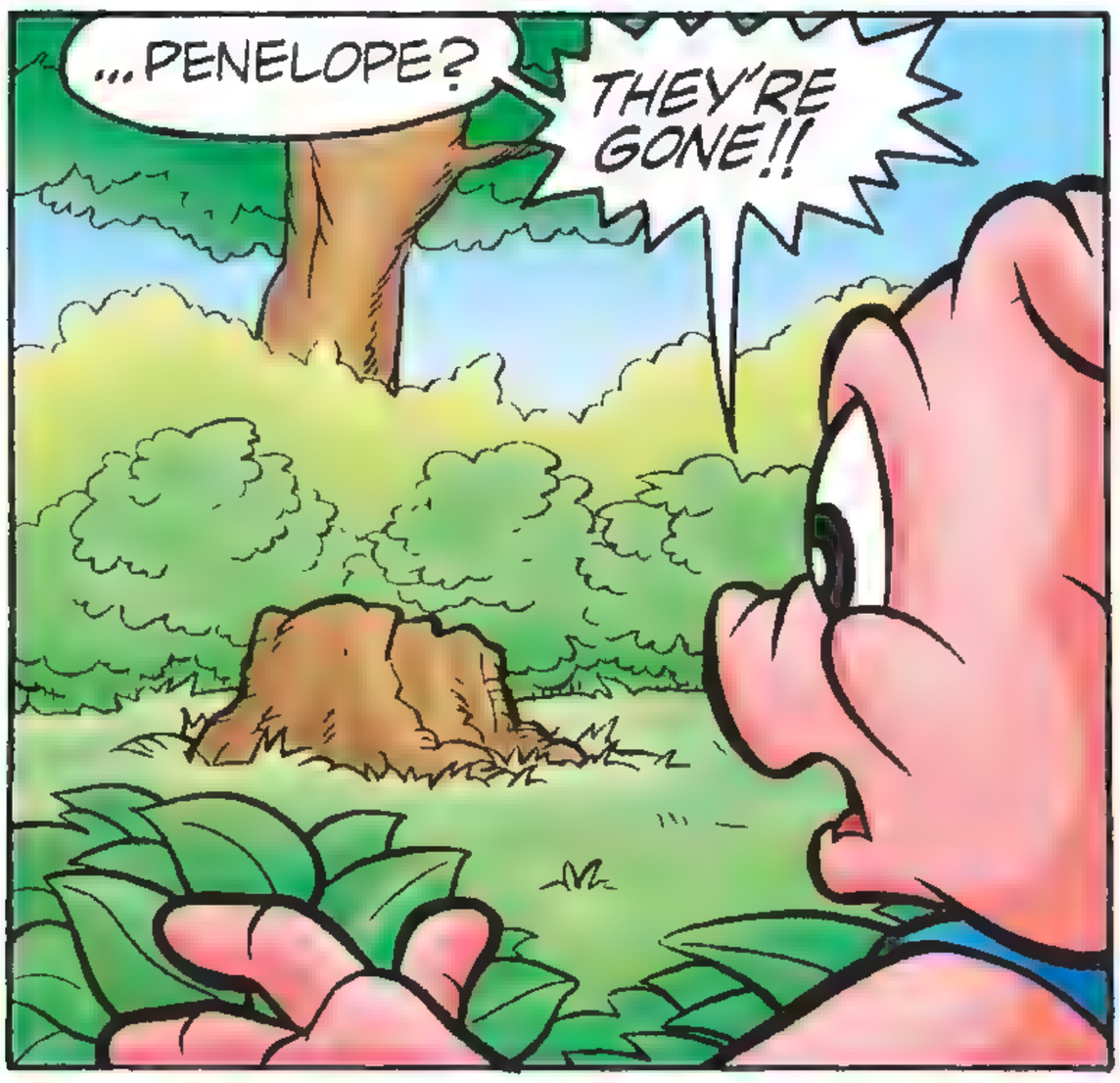
BA-WHROOOOOM!

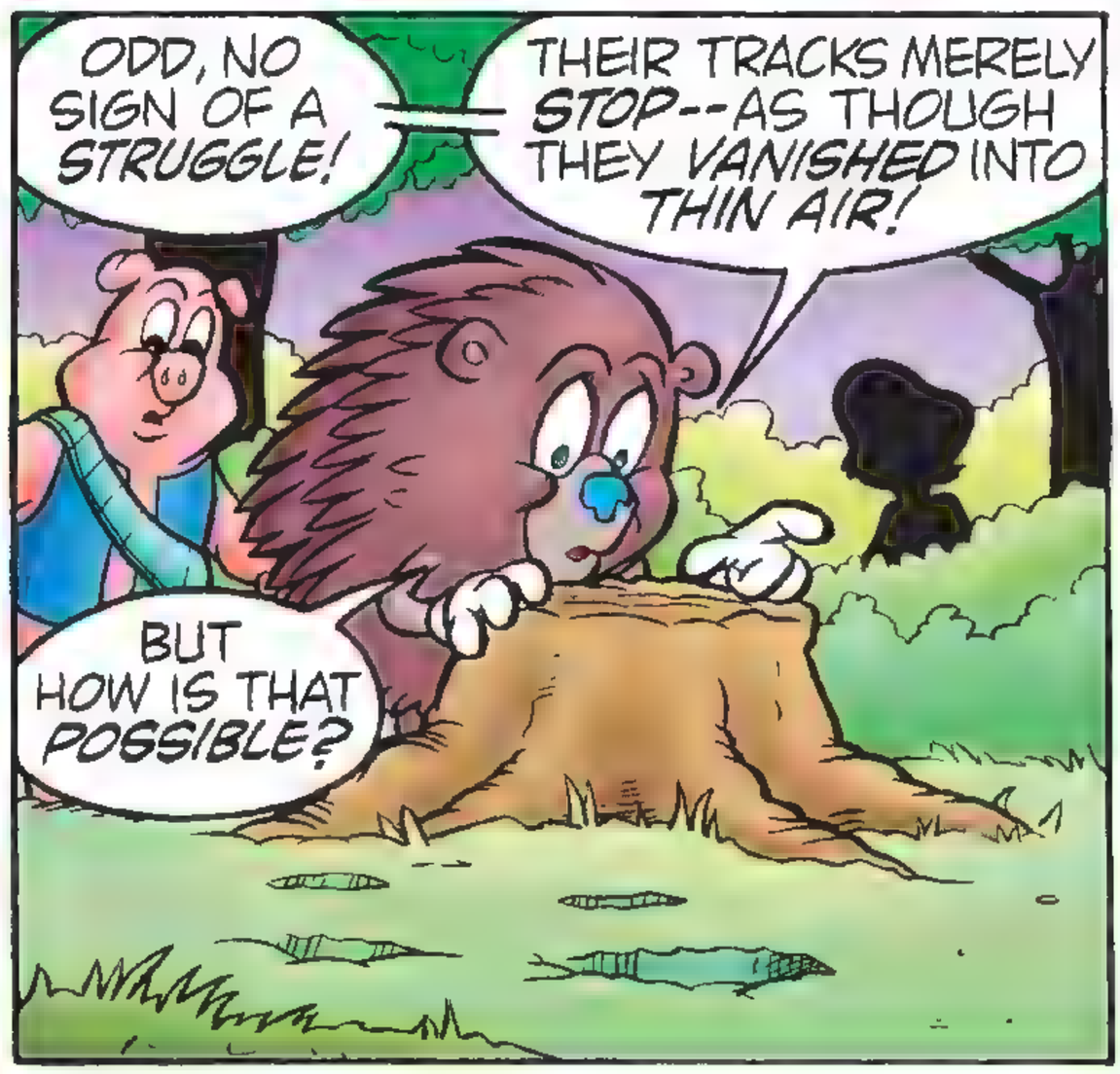

WASN'T THAT CUTTING THINGS A LITTLE CLOSE, GEOFFREY?
NOT REALLY, LUV...


"... THE OTHER BOMBS ARE ON A FIVE SECOND DELAY!"
KRAKHOOOM!

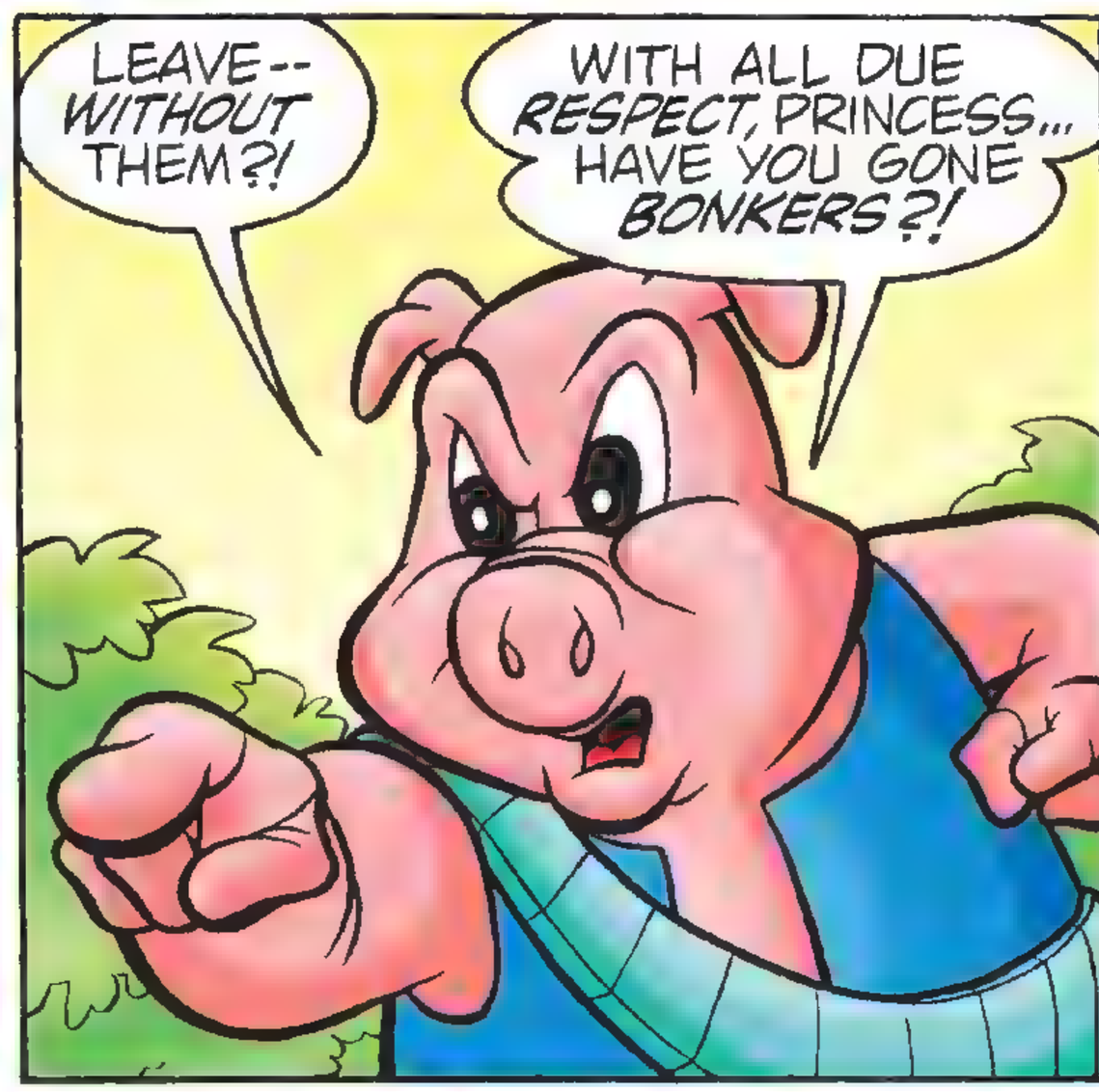

WHEW
ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR?
I... THINK SO, PRINCESS!

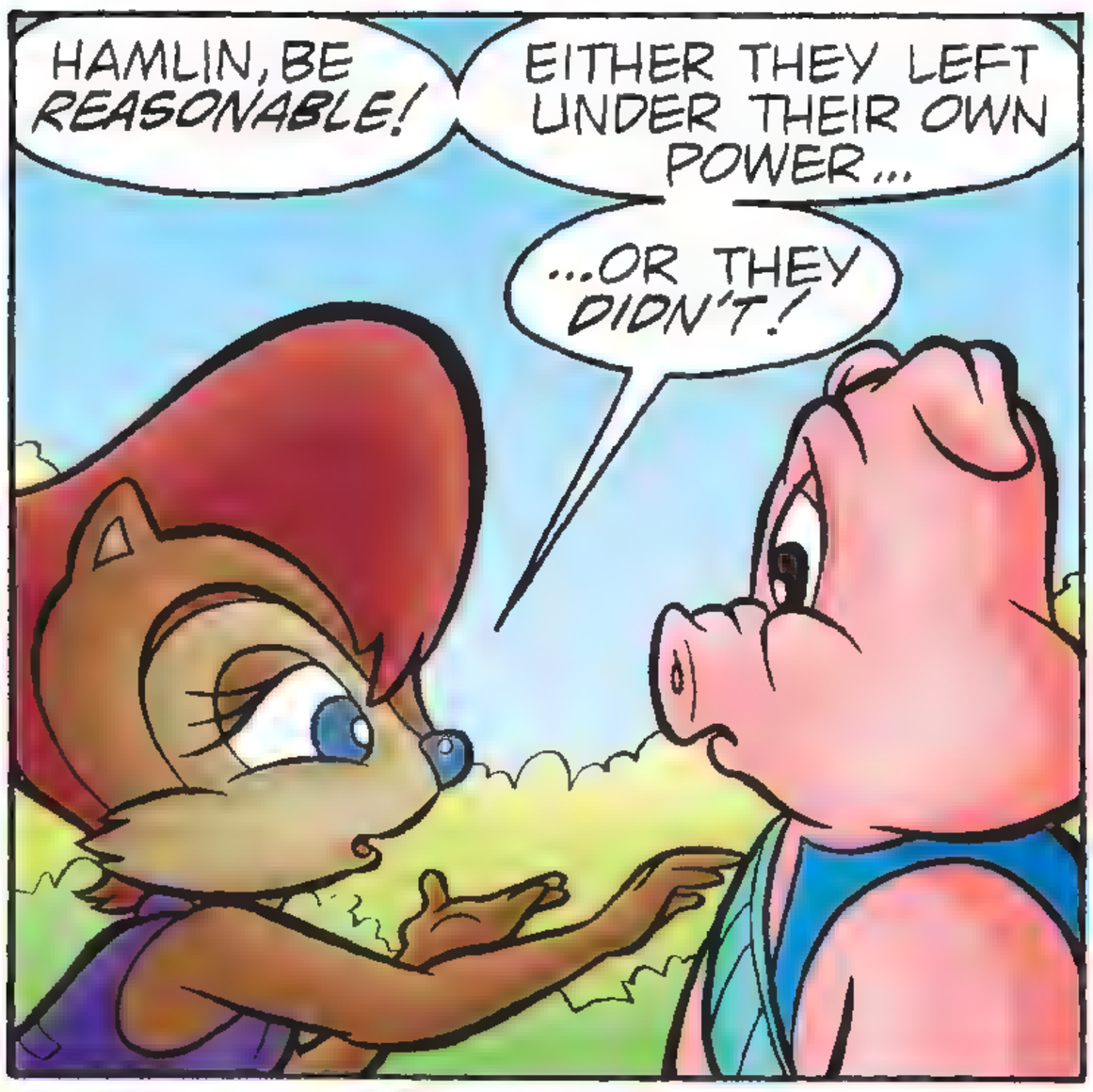
GOOD.
THEN LET'S HEAD BACK TO WHERE WE LEFT ARLO AND...


...PENELOPE?
THEY'RE GONE!!

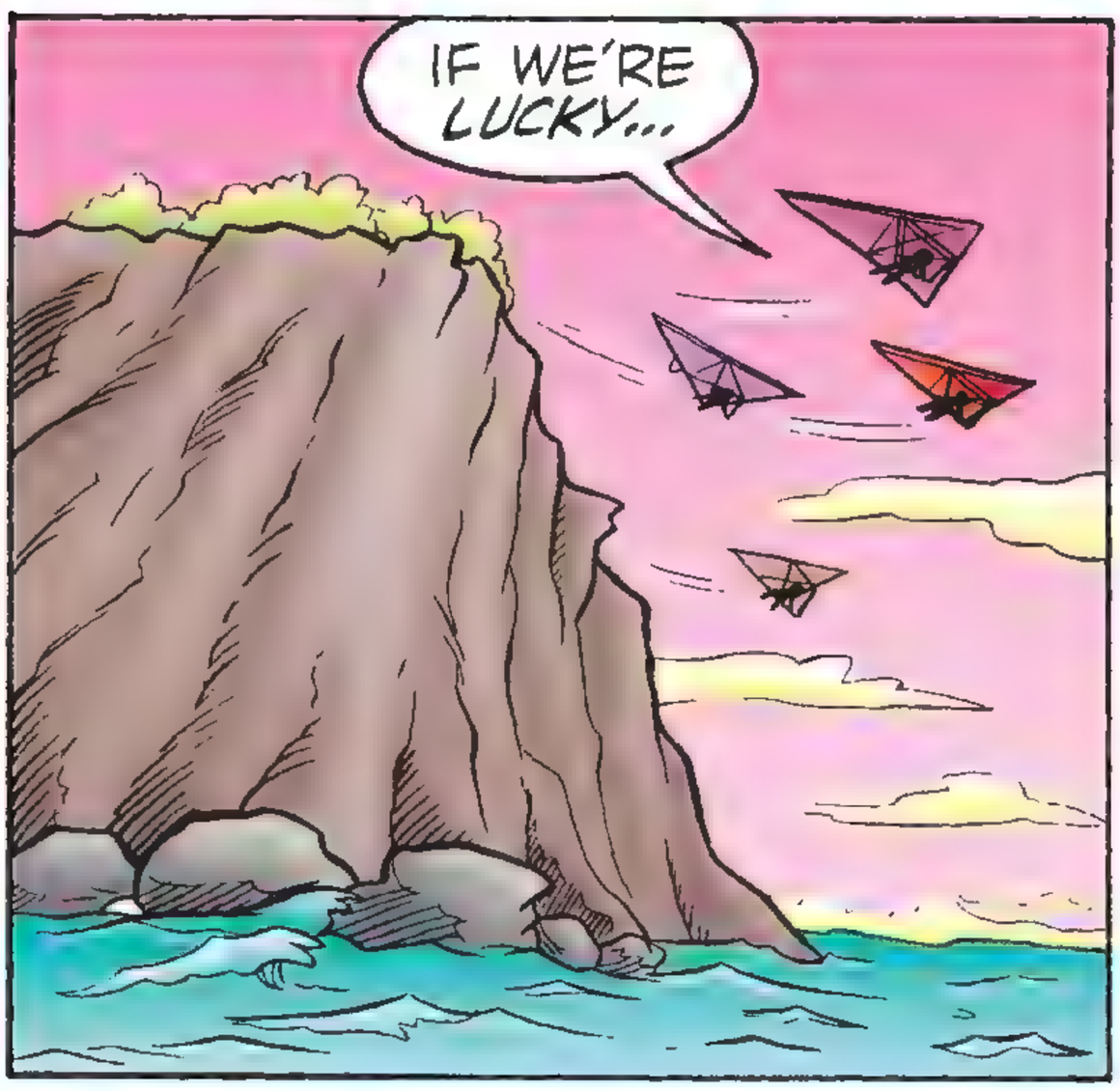

ODD, NO SIGN OF A STRUGGLE!
THEIR TRACKS MERELY STOP--AS THOUGH THEY VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
BUT HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

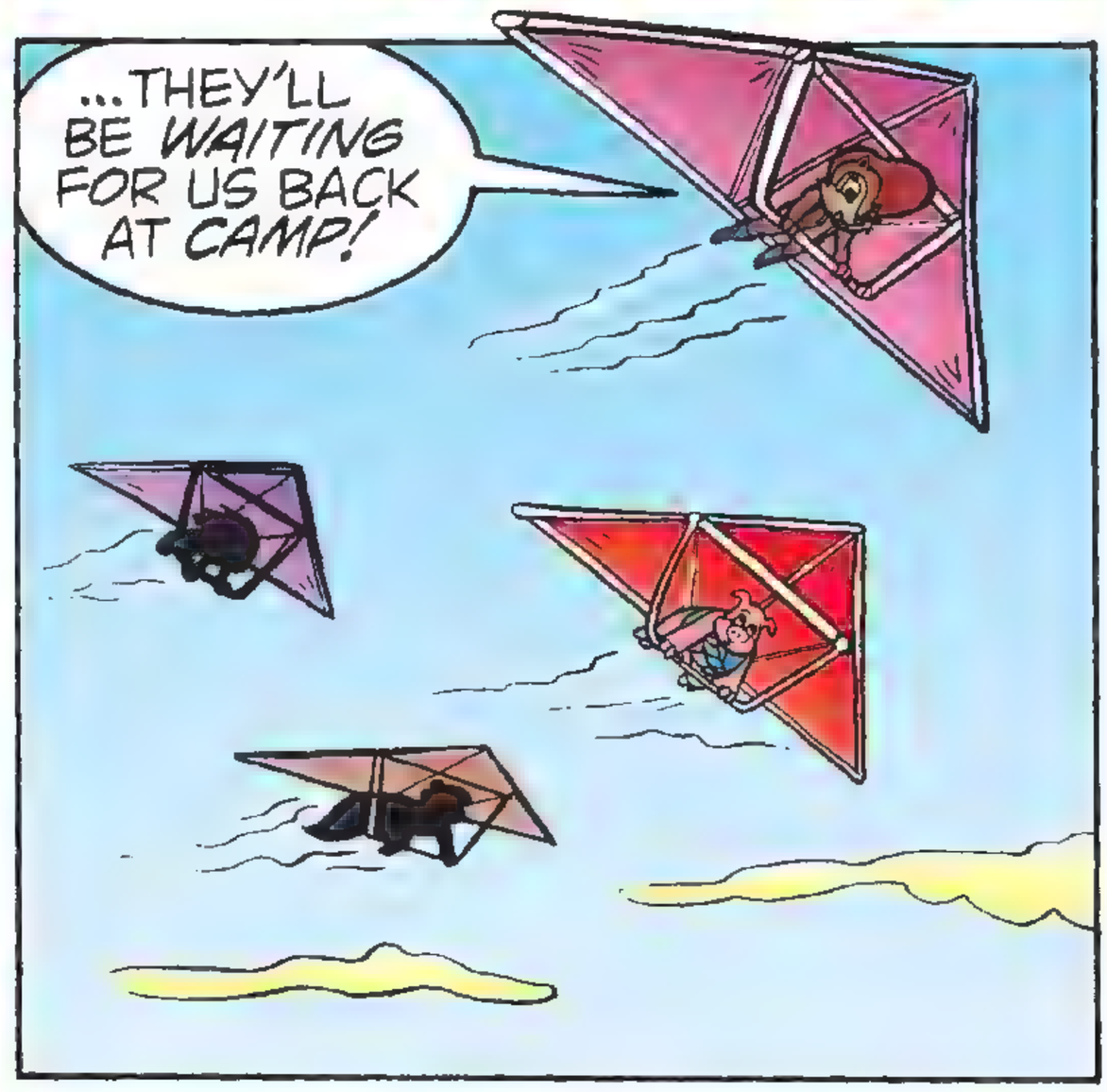
IT ISN'T DYLAN...
...WHICH IS ALL THE MORE REASON TO GET AWAY FROM HERE--FAST!

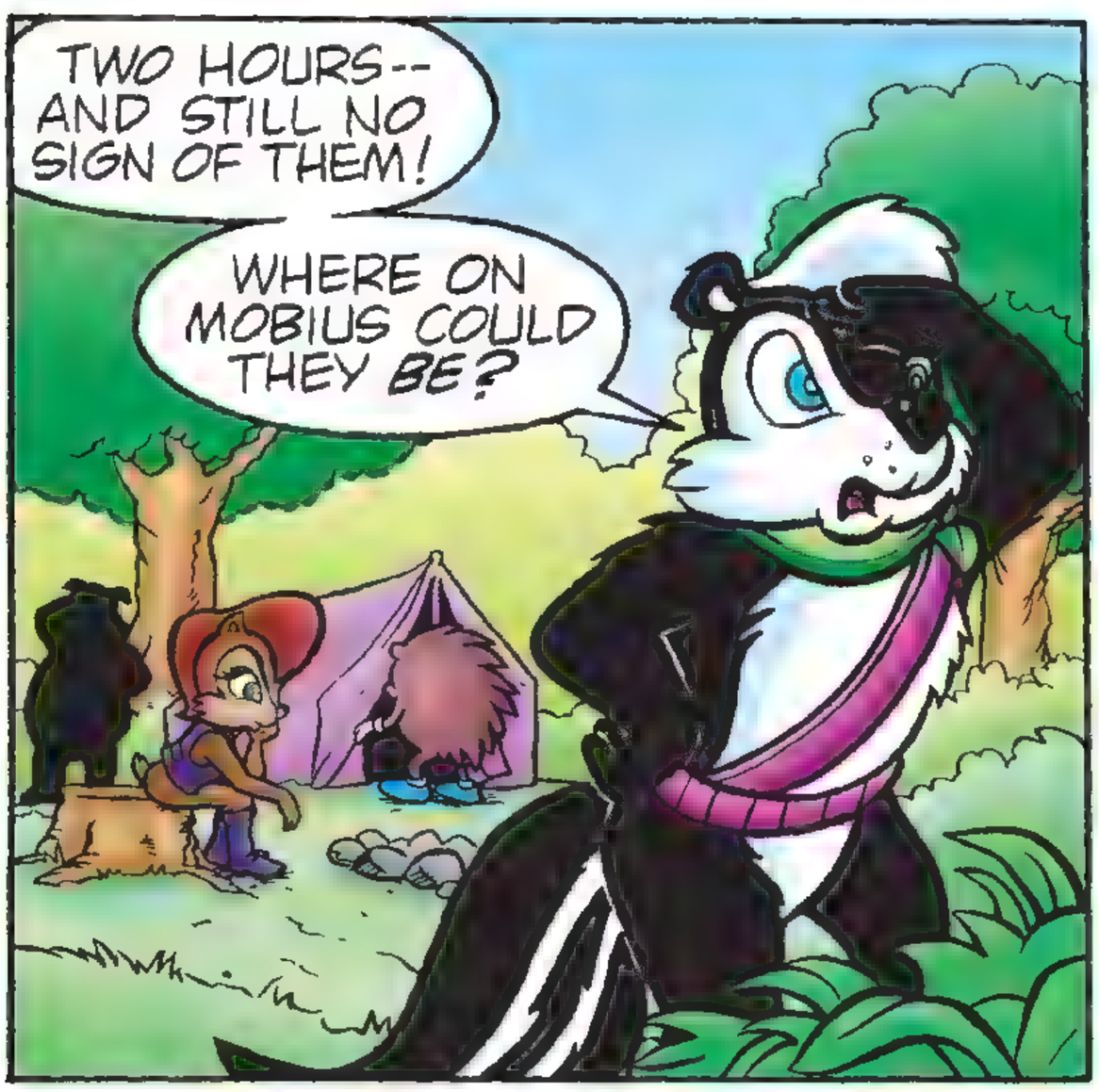

LEAVE--WITHOUT THEM?!
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, PRINCESS... HAVE YOU GONE BONKERS?!


HAMLIN, BE REASONABLE!
EITHER THEY LEFT UNDER THEIR OWN POWER...
...OR THEY DIDN'T!

IN ANY EVENT, HANGING AROUND WON'T DO US ANY GOOD!
LET'S GO!

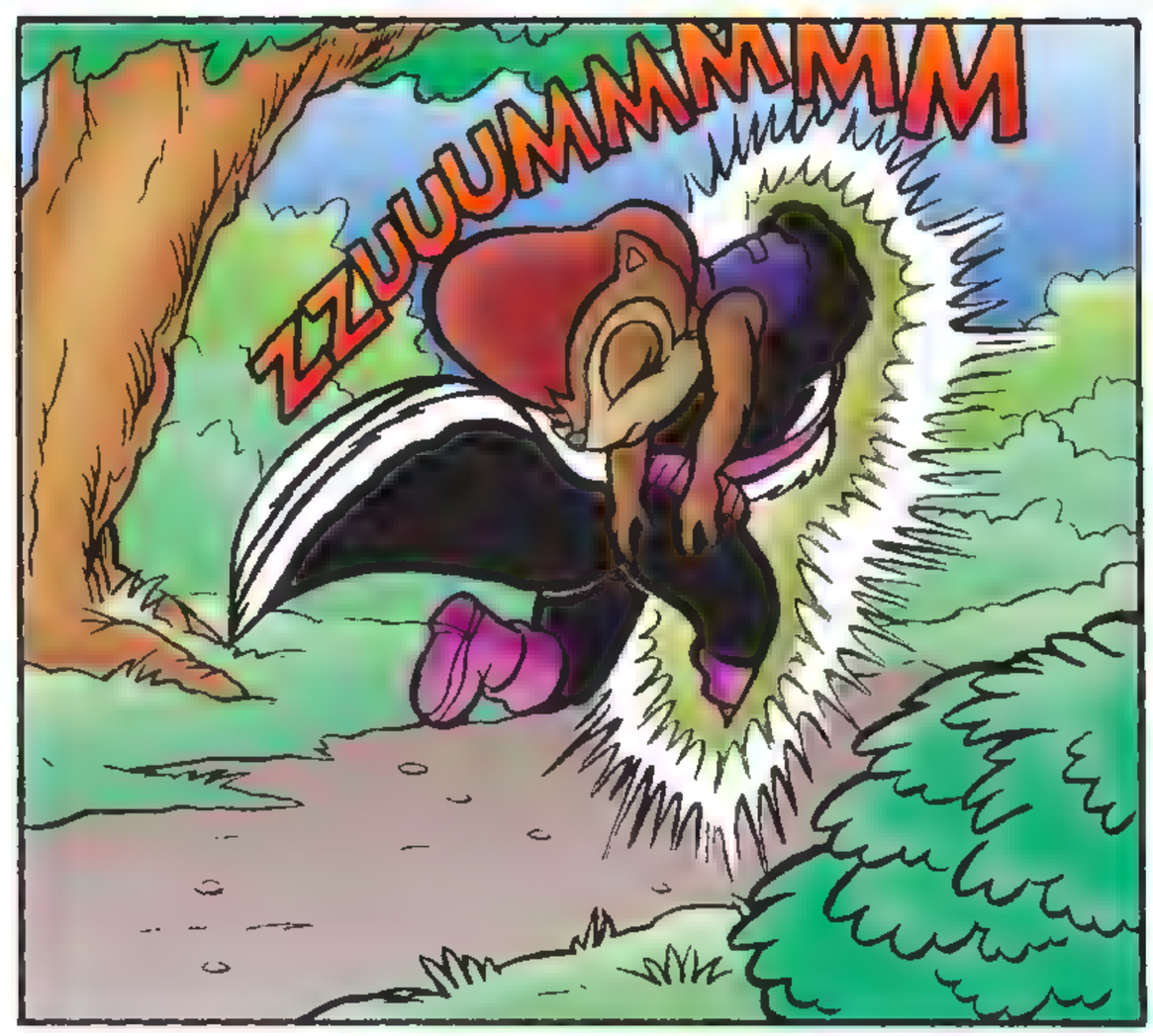

IF WE'RE LUCKY...


...THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR US BACK AT CAMP!


TWO HOURS-- AND STILL NO SIGN OF THEM!
WHERE ON MOBIUS COULD THEY BE?

I DON'T KNOW, GEOFFREY!
I JUST DON'T KNOW!

SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN...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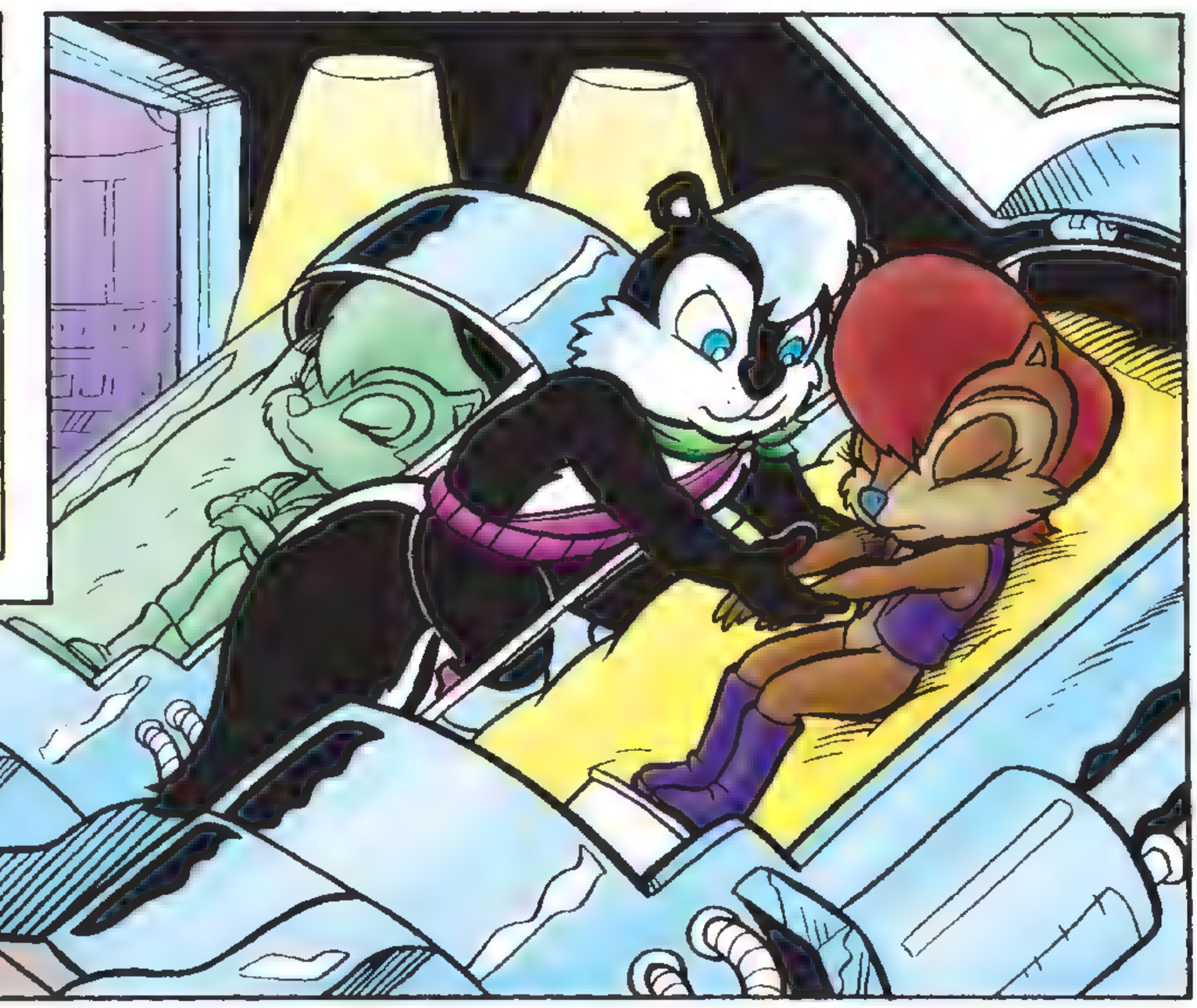
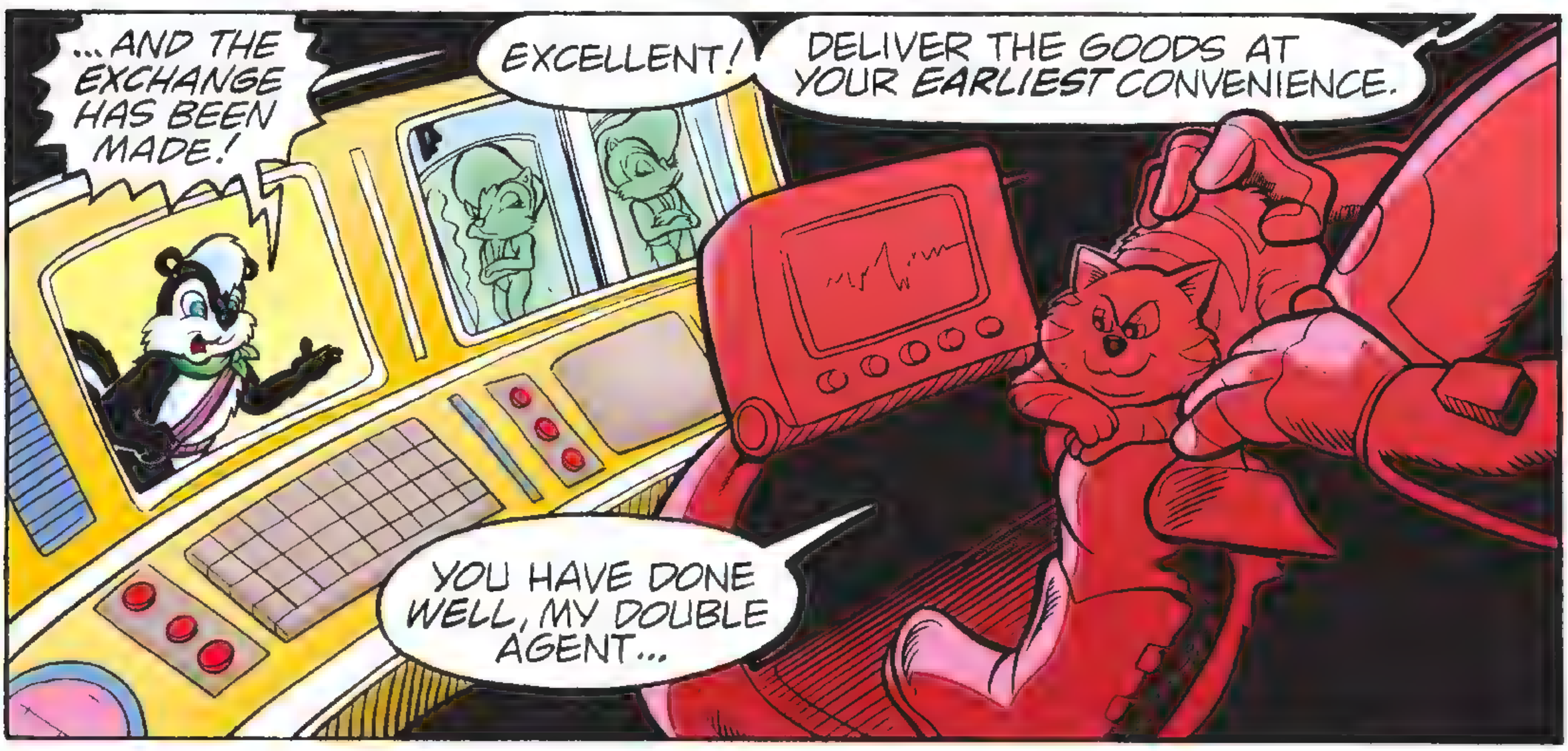
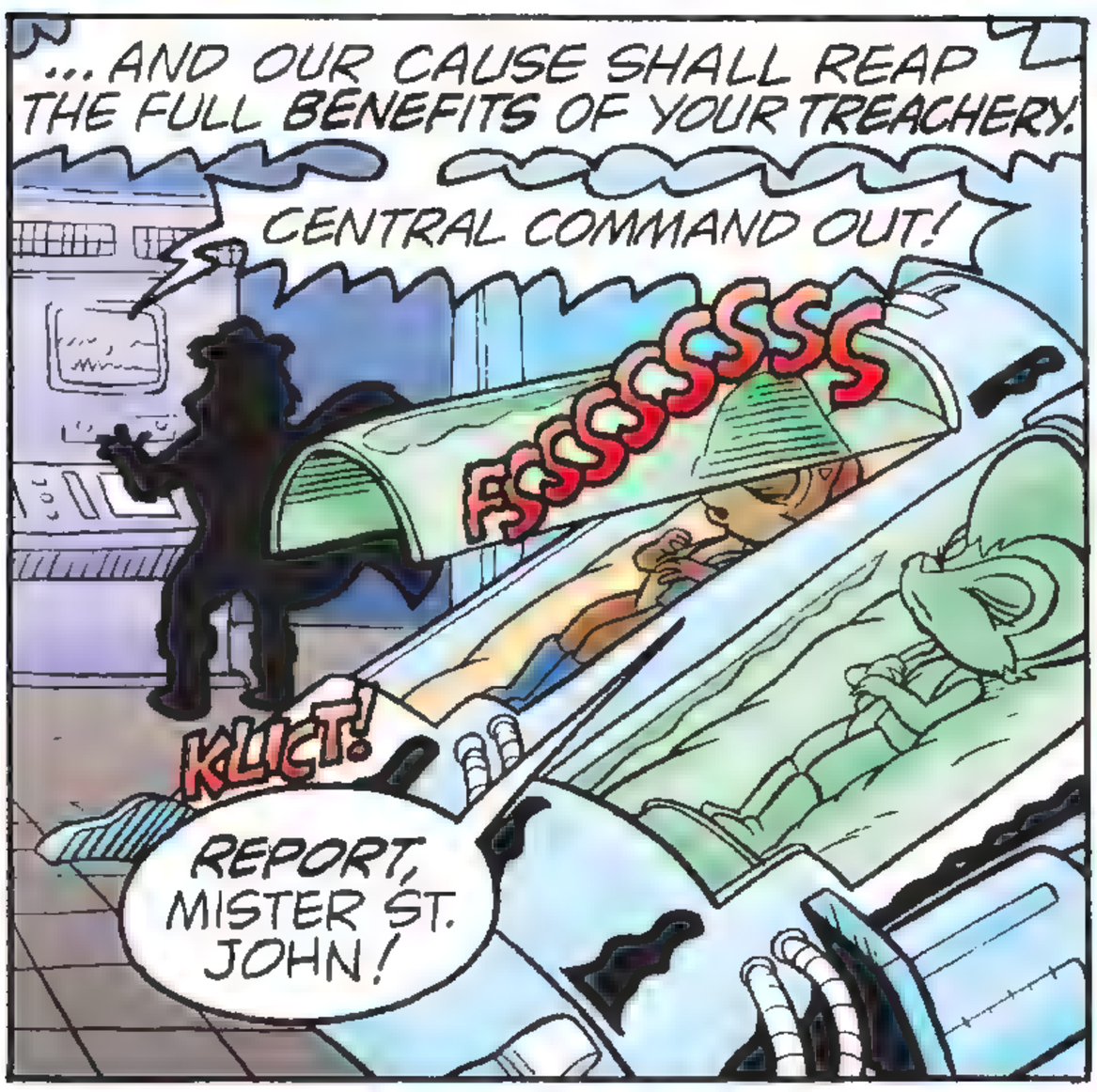
WHRR
HLIKT!



ST. JOHN TO CENTRAL COMMAND! ARE YOU RECEIVING ME?
AFFIRMATIVE.
COMMENCE DEBRIEFING.

OPERATION: INFILTRATION IS A TOTAL SUCCESS!
I'VE EARNED THEIR TRUST...


...AND THE EXCHANGE HAS BEEN MADE!
EXCELLENT!
DELIVER THE GOODS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.
YOU HAVE DONE WELL, MY DOUBLE AGENT...

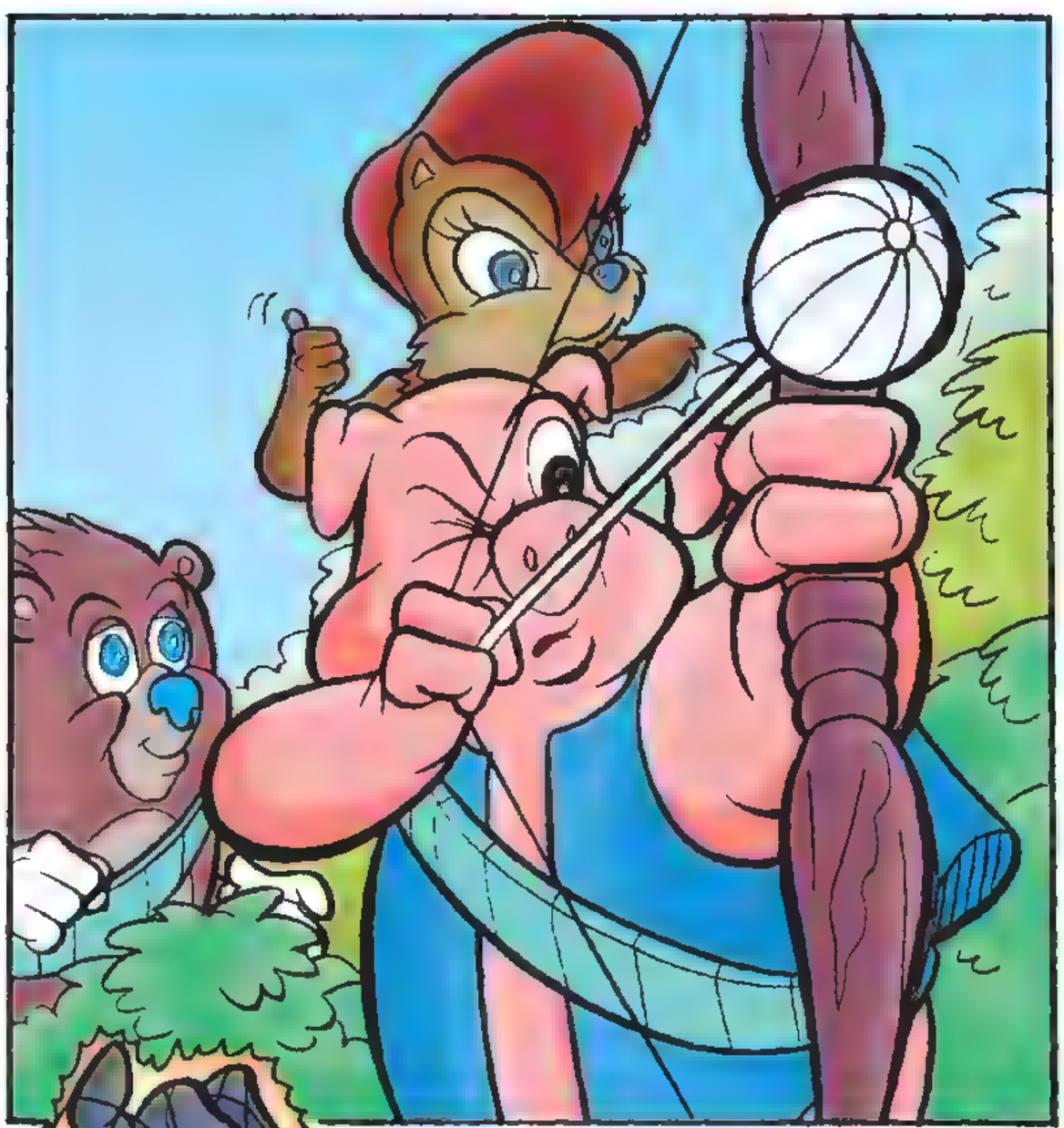

...AND OUR CAUSE SHALL REAP THE FULL BENEFITS OF YOUR TREACHERY.
CENTRAL COMMAND OUT!
FSSSSSSS
KLICT!
REPORT, MISTER ST. JOHN!

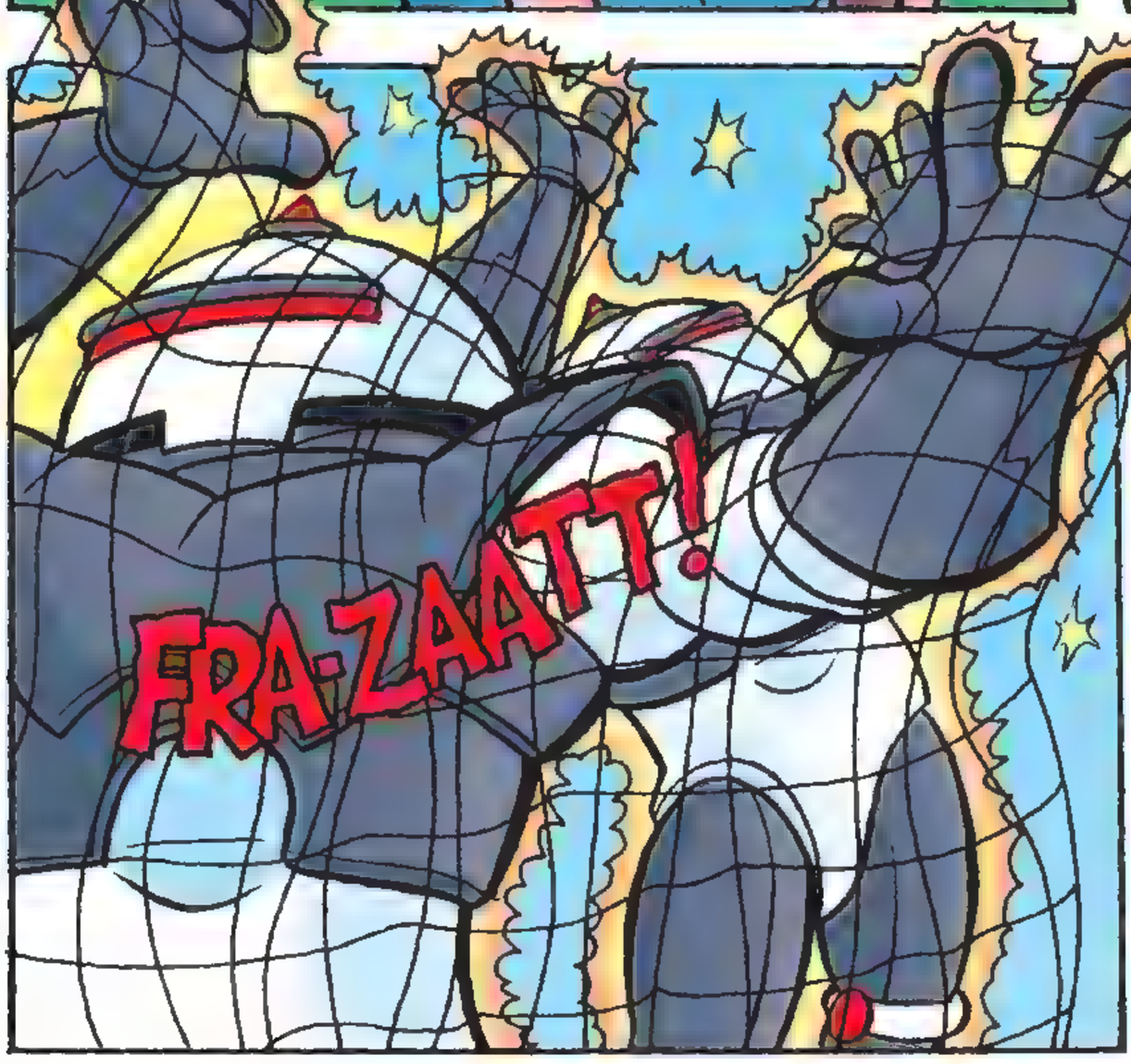
EVERYTHING WENT EXACTLY ACCORDING TO PLAN!
TRUST ME...

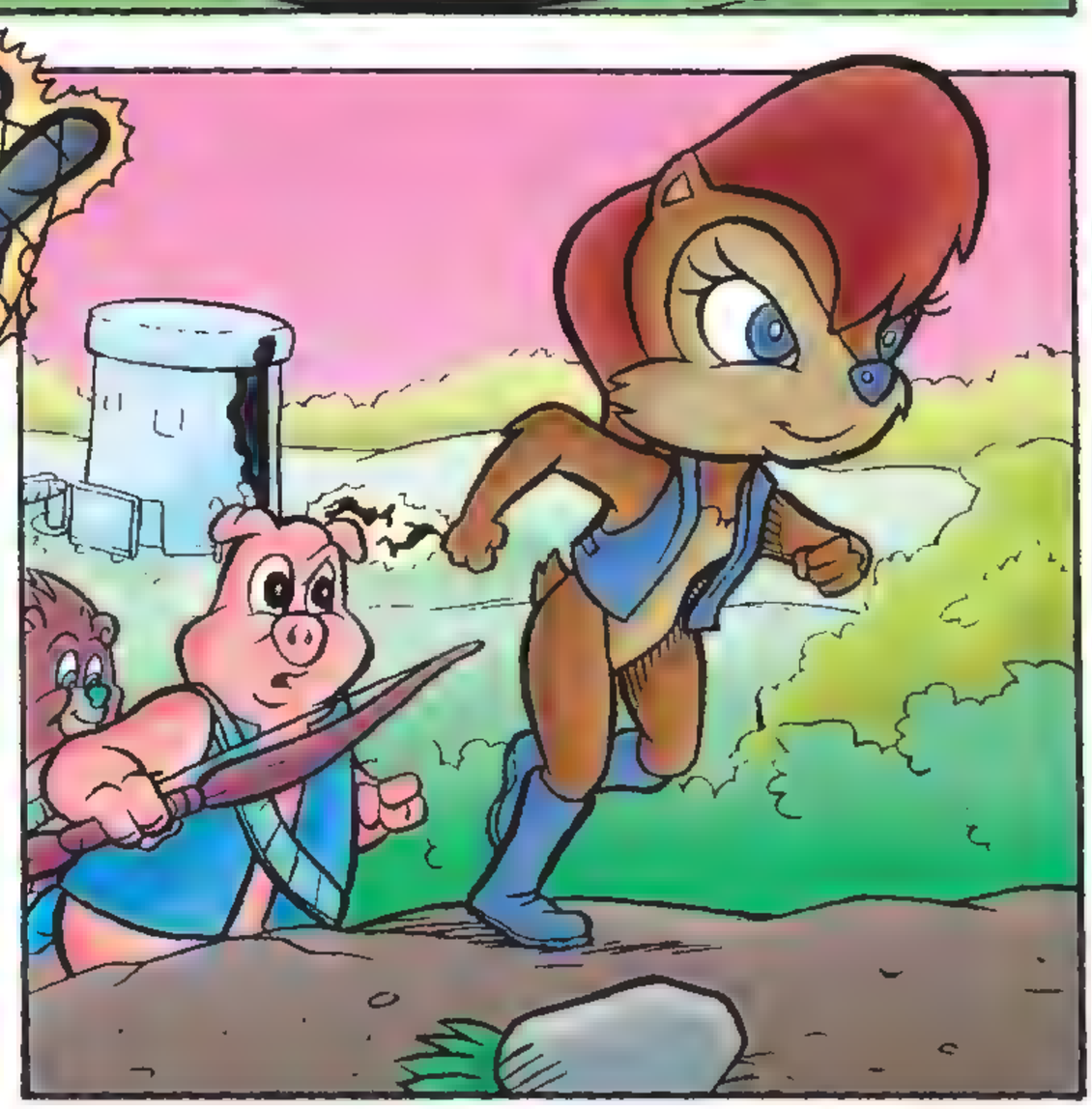
"... NO ONE SUSPECTS A THING!"

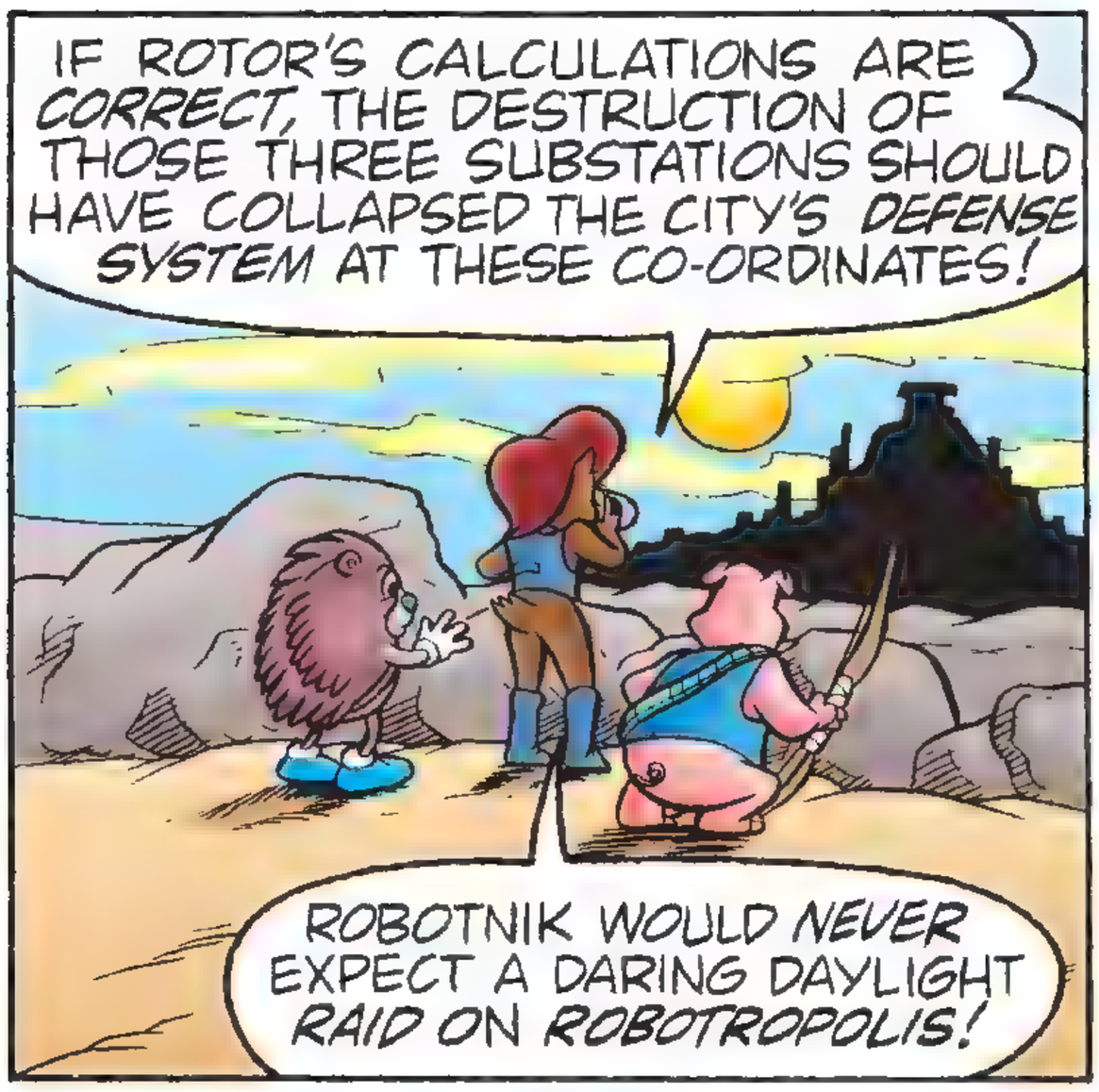
MORNING...

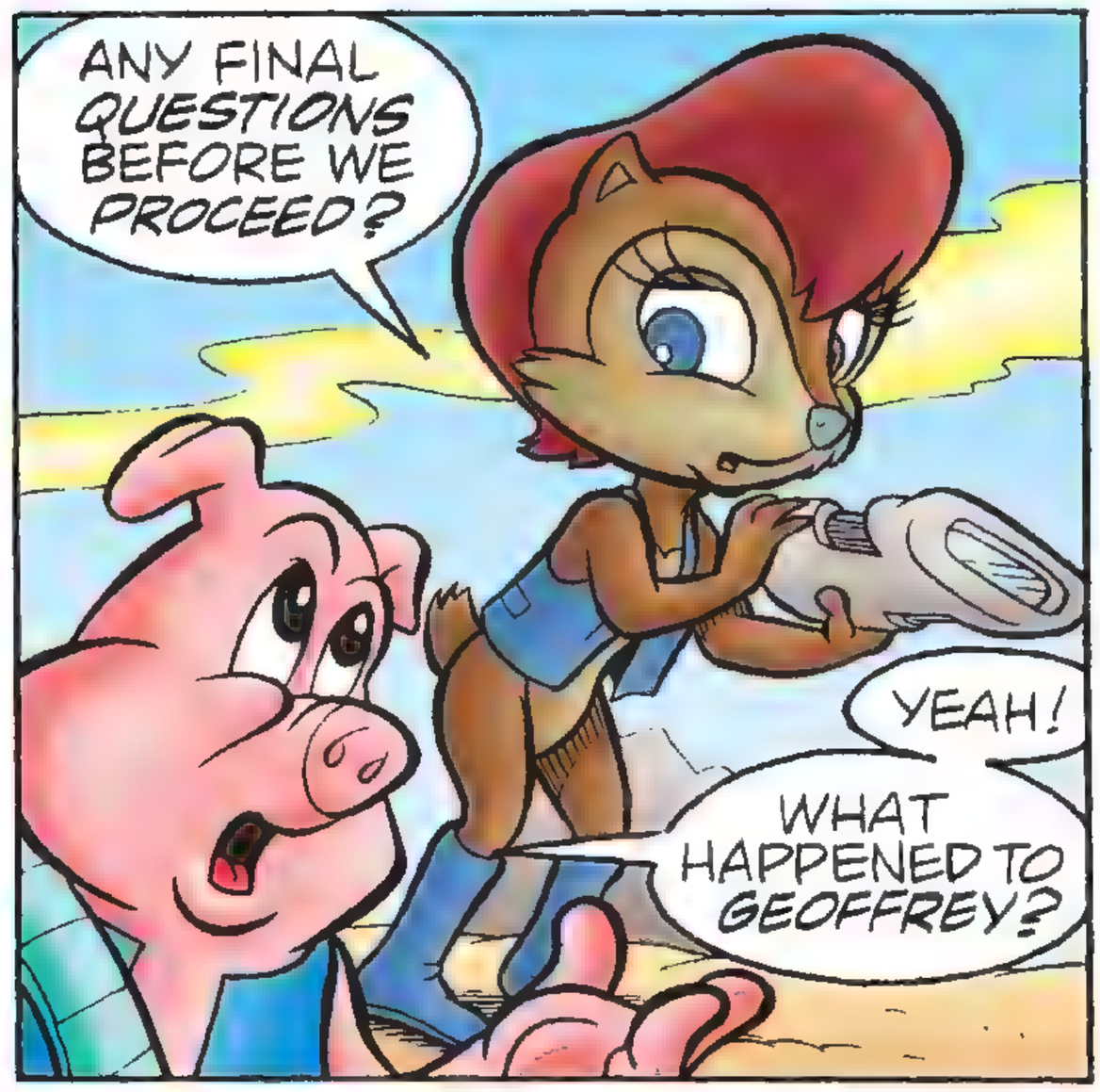
ROBOTROPOLIS
CITY LIMITS
TRESPASSERS
IST VERBOTEN



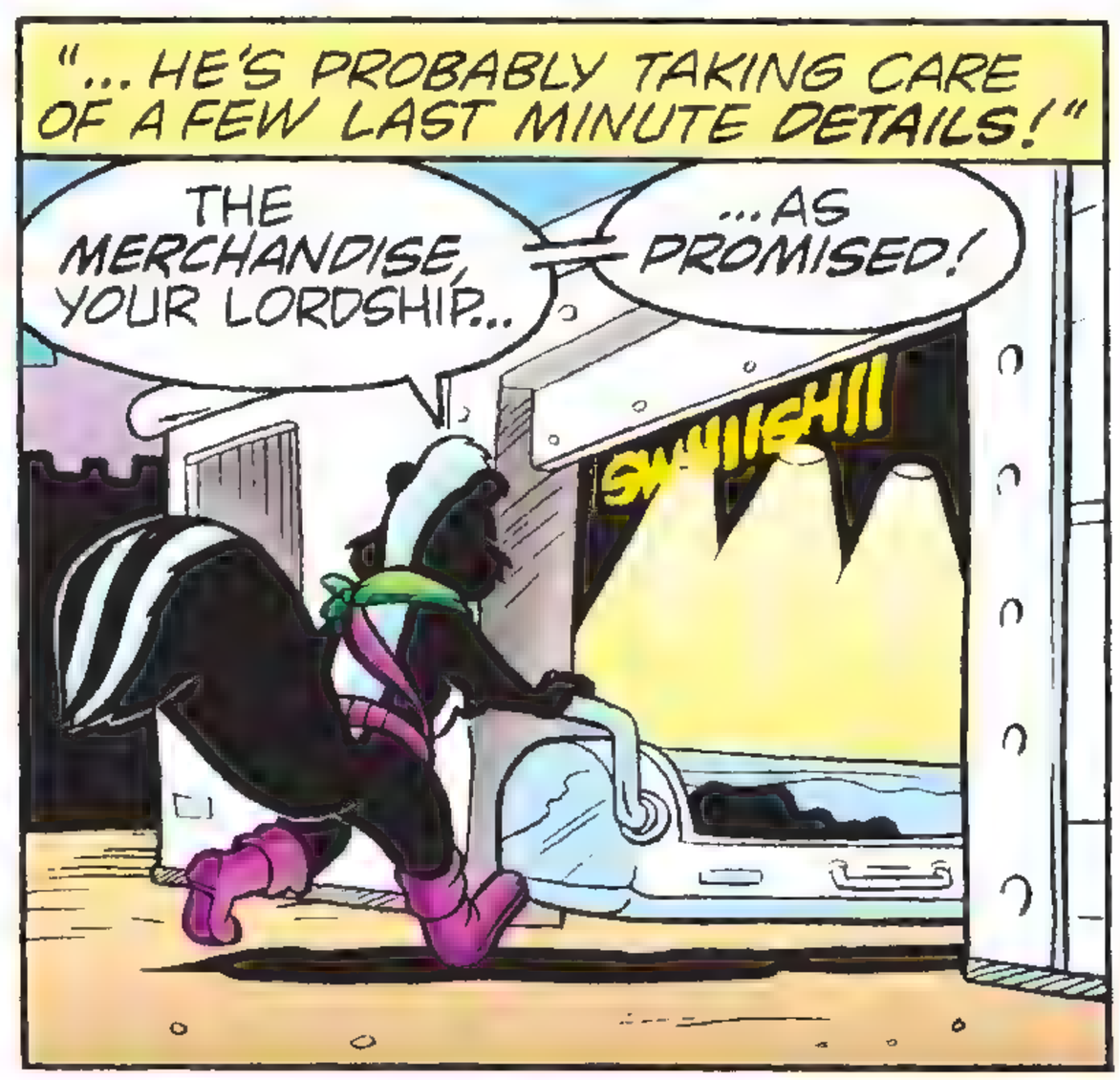


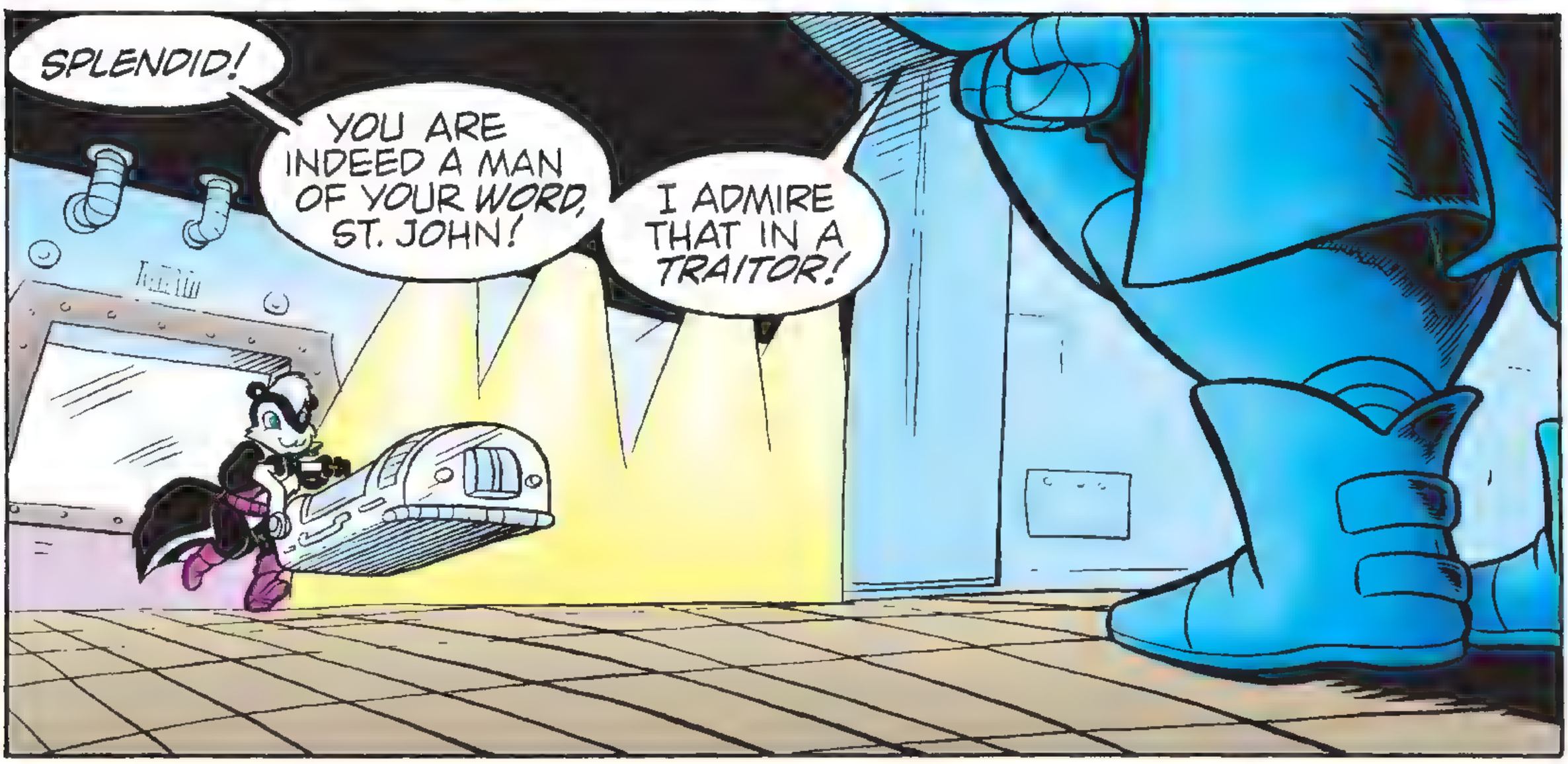



IF ROTOR'S CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, THE DESTRUCTION OF THOSE THREE SUBSTATIONS SHOULD HAVE COLLAPSED THE CITY'S DEFENSE SYSTEM AT THESE CO-ORDINATES!
ROBOTNIK WOULD NEVER EXPECT A DARING DAYLIGHT RAID ON ROBOTROPOLIS!


ANY FINAL QUESTIONS BEFORE WE PROCEED?
YEAH!
WHAT HAPPENED TO GEOFFREY?

I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT HIM, HAMLIN!
IF I KNOW MISTER ST. JOHN...


"... HE'S PROBABLY TAKING CARE OF A FEW LAST MINUTE DETAILS!"
THE MERCHANDISE, YOUR LORDSHIP...
...AS PROMISED!
SWUUSHII

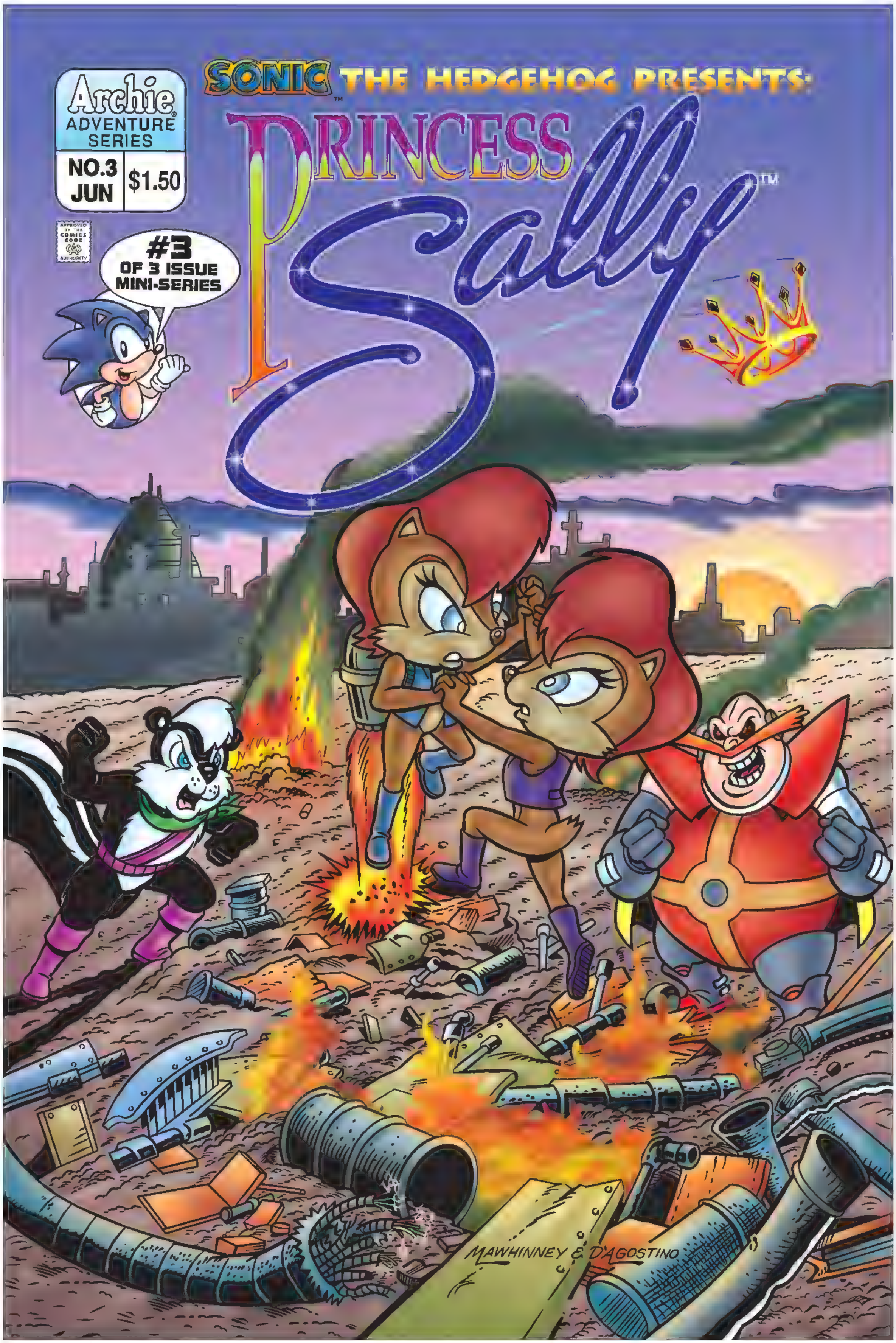

SPLENDID!
YOU ARE INDEED A MAN OF YOUR WORD, ST. JOHN!
I ADMIRE THAT IN A TRAITOR!

...BEFORE THE MASTER PLAN OF

DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

NEXT: WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT HAPPENED TO ARLO AND PENELOPE? WHOSE SIDE IS GEOFFREY ST. JOHN ON? WHAT'S DR. ROBOTNIK'S EVIL PLAN? THE ANSWERS TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND IN THE AWESOME CONCLUSION!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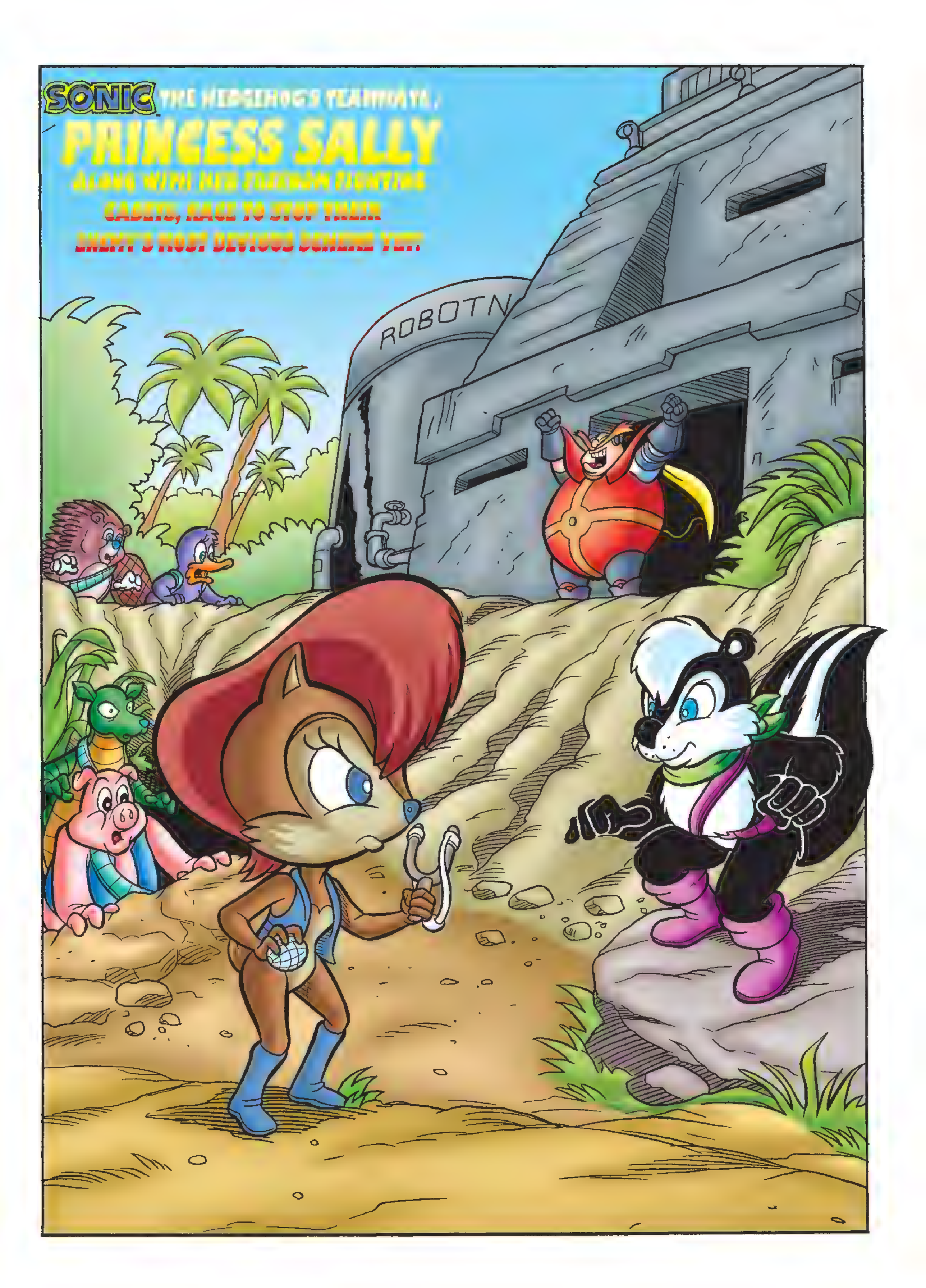
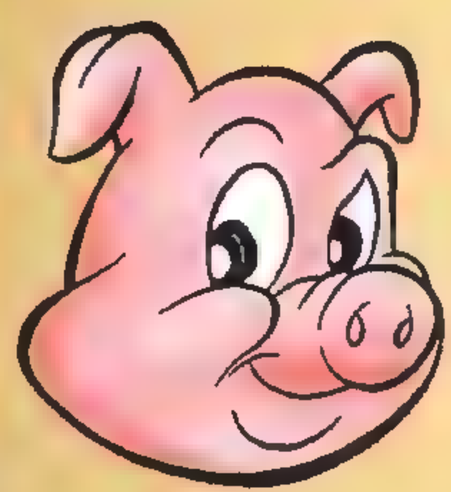
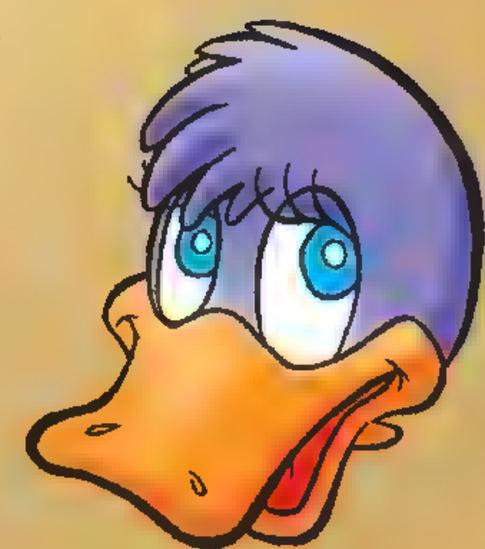

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG TEAMWAVE:
PRINCESS SALLY
ROBOTN

One of the many outstanding qualities **Princess Sally** reveals in her capacity as **Commander-in-Chief** of the **Freedom Fighters** and spearhead of the resistance movement against evil tyrant **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**, is swift, sure **judgement.** The combination of this attribute with her ability to take **decisive action** regardless of personal cost, contributes to the Freedom Fighters' success as a team.

While her troops play out their appointed roles, only Sally sees the **big picture**: to lead effectively, she must retain their trust and respect, for in a war there is no room for hesitation. When she gives an order, it is to be carried out -- no questions asked, no answers given! Their loyalty must remain absolute at all times, or the cause is already lost.

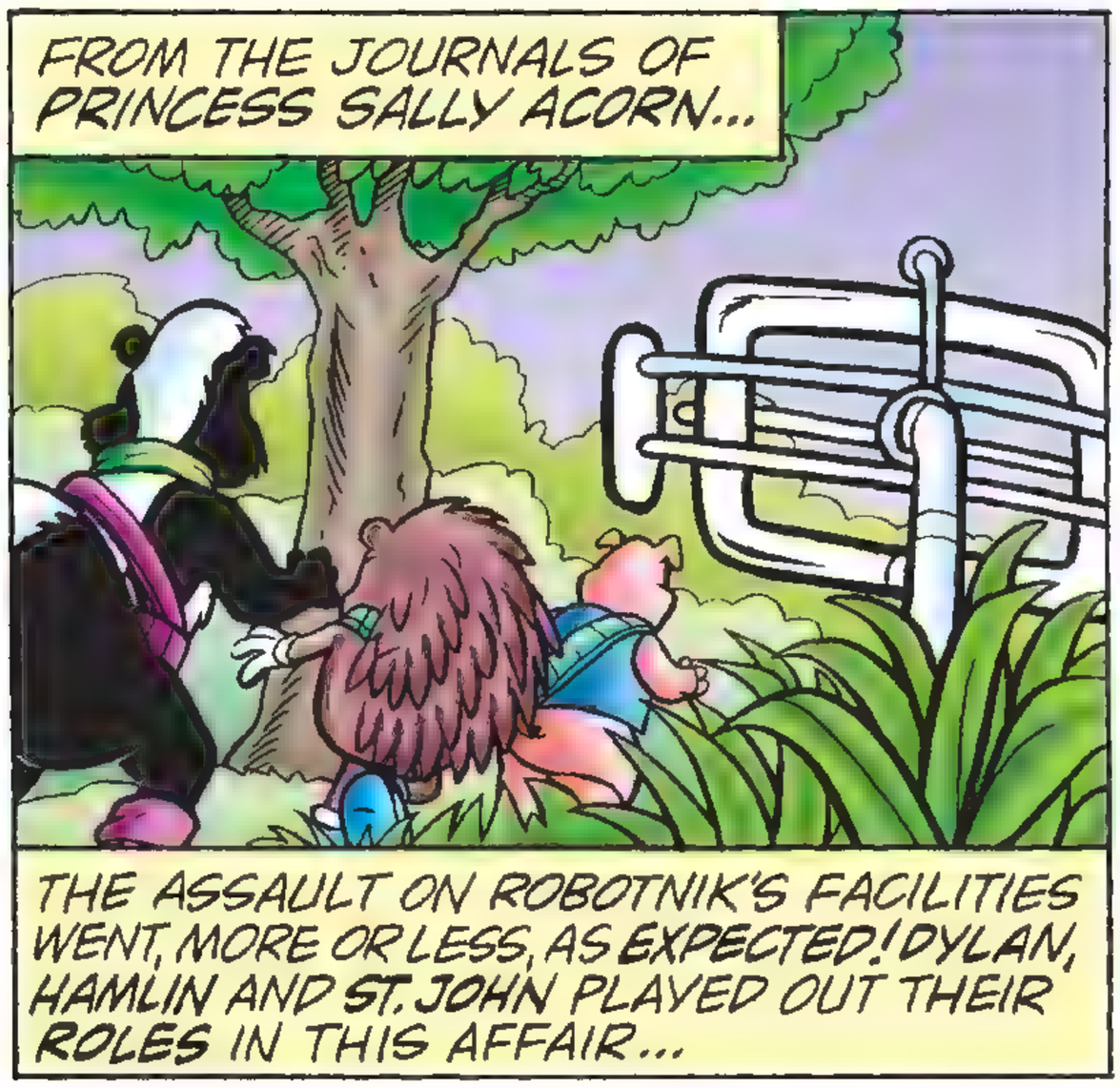


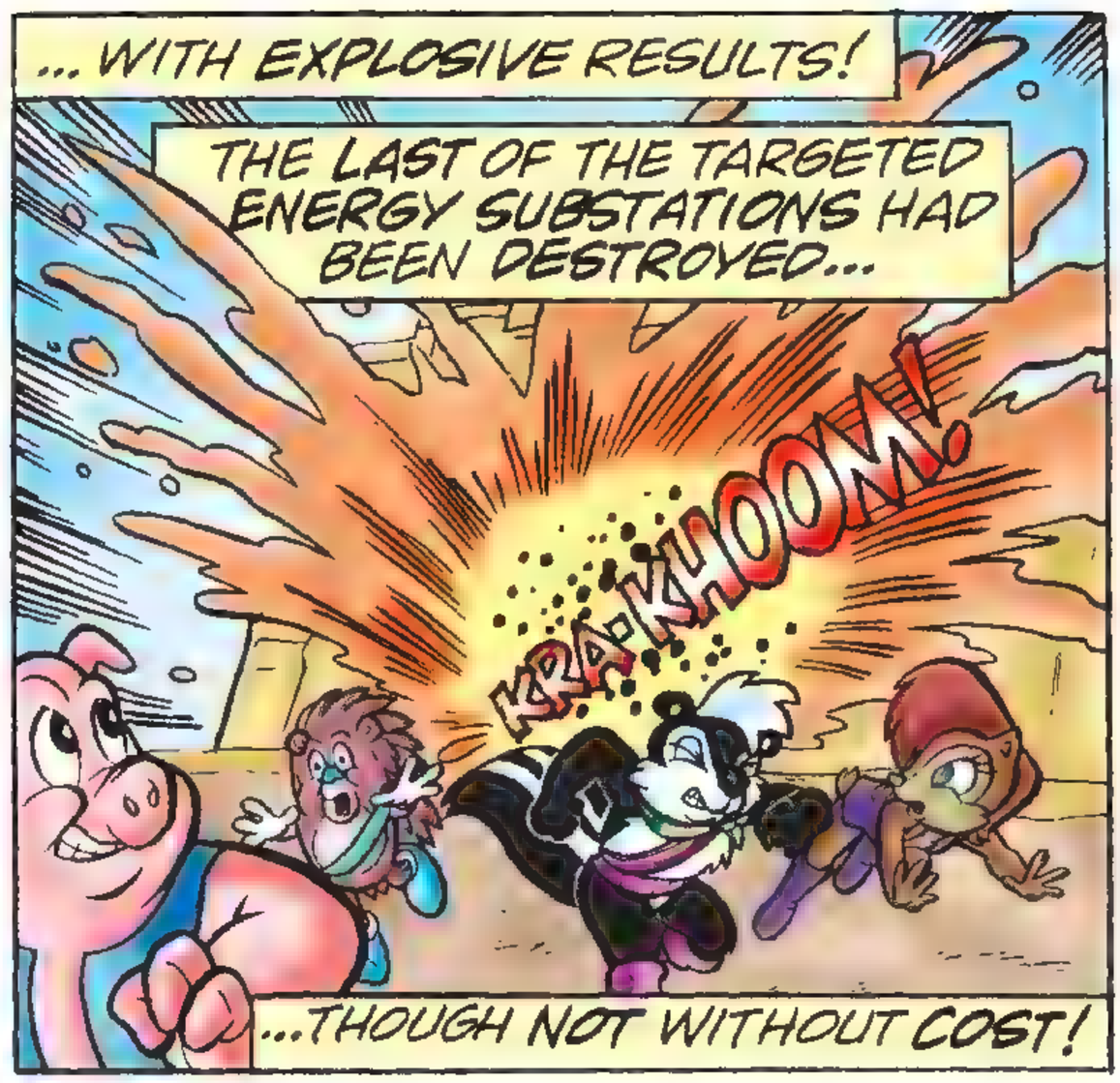
Entrusted with the lives of her charges, the young Princess wears the mantle of leadership stoically. Often called upon to make tough choices by virtue of her rank, she longs for the day when peace and prosperity once again reign over the planet **Mobius**.

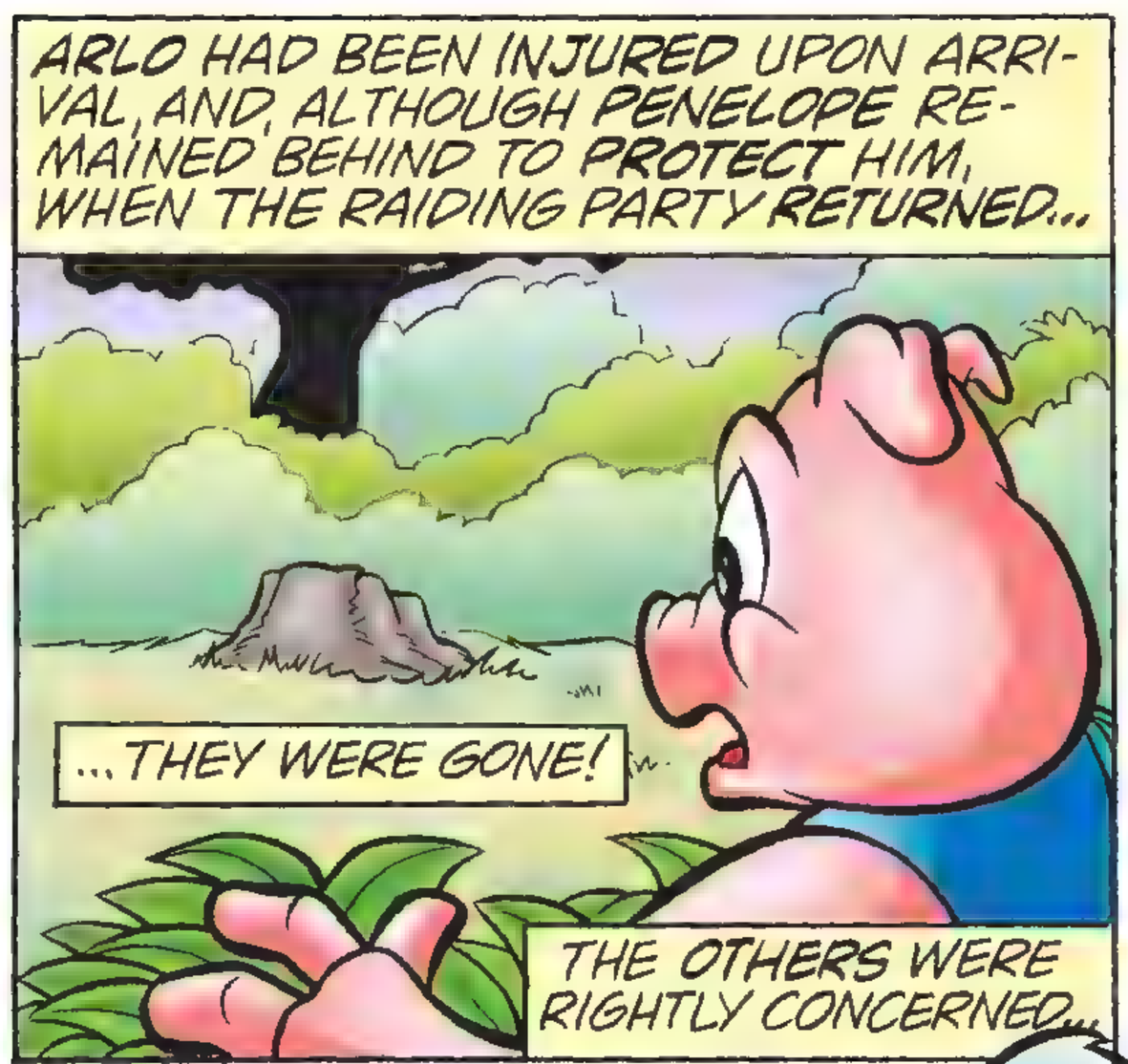


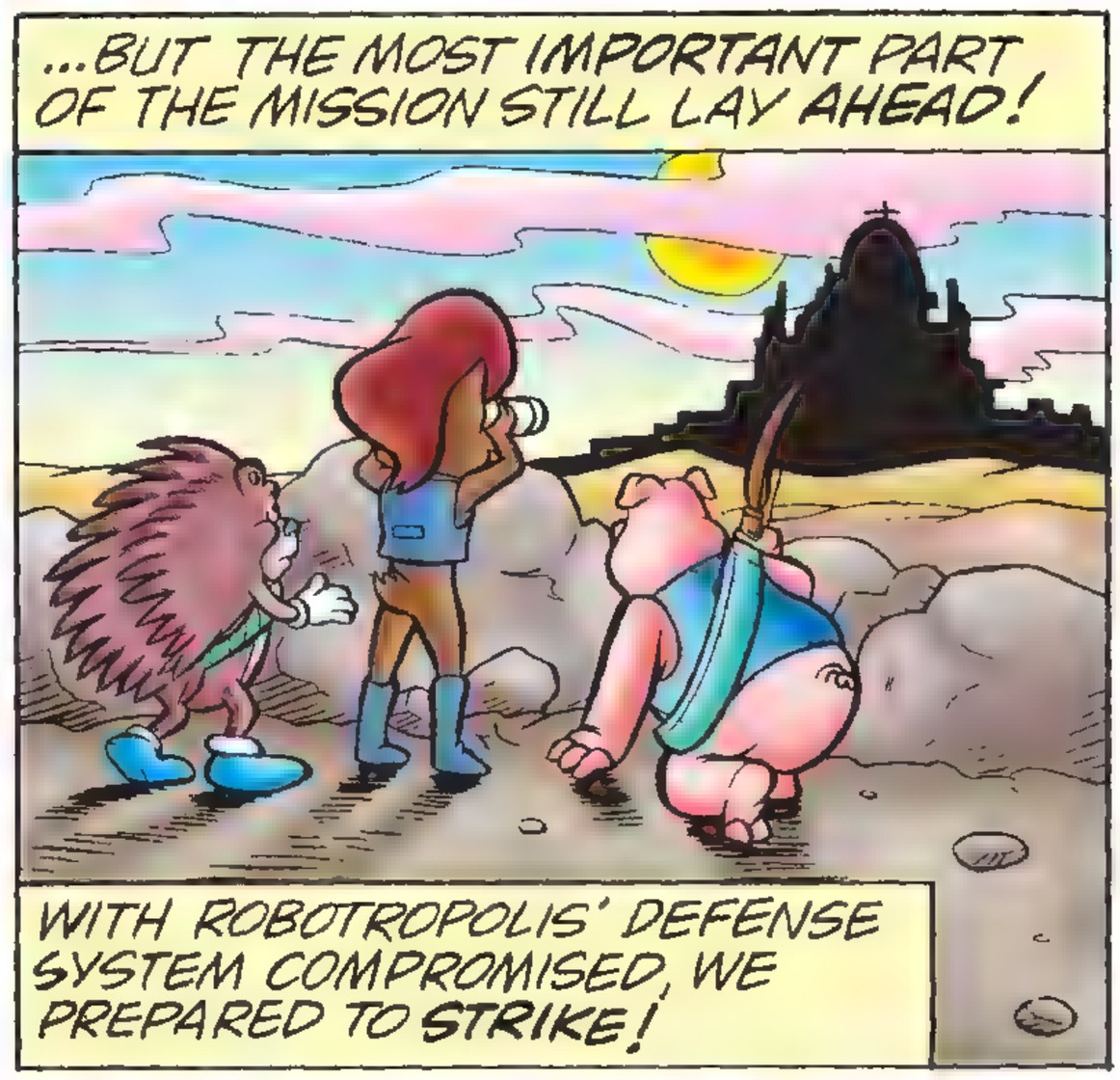
But until that day, she will fight to free her people.

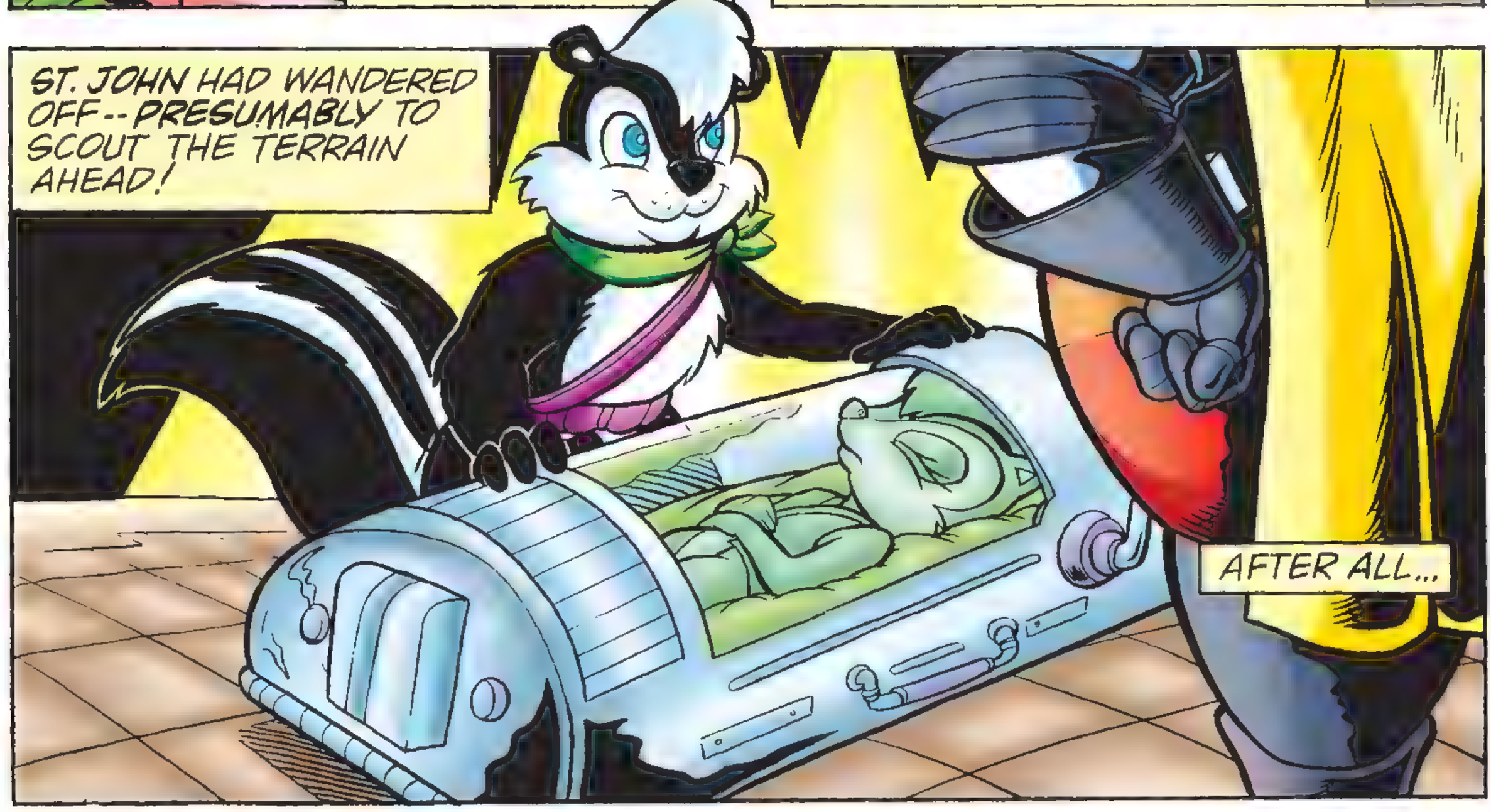
And they will fight, courageously, by her side. . .

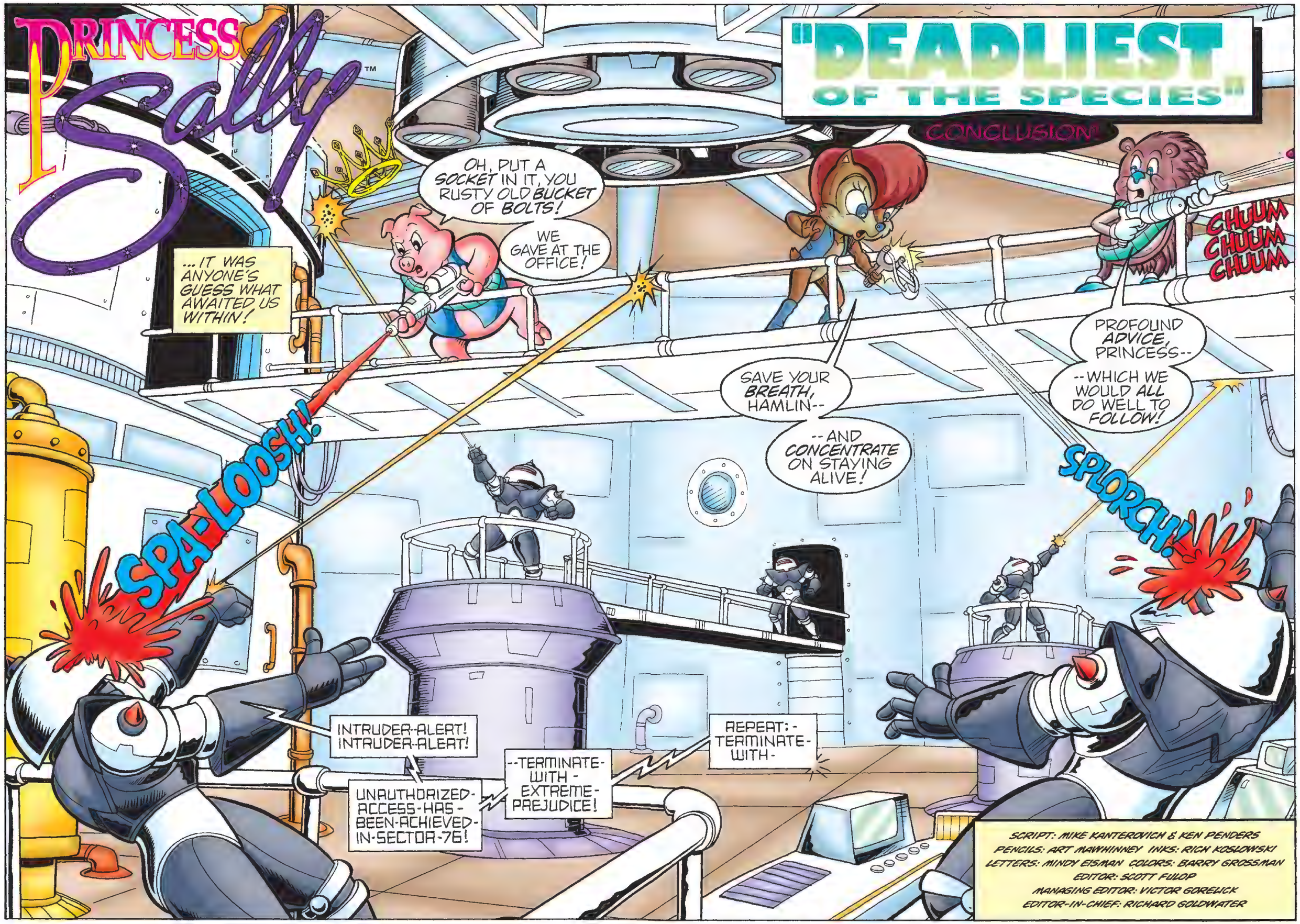

FROM THE JOURNALS OF PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...
THE ASSAULT ON ROBOTNIK'S FACILITIES WENT, MORE OR LESS, AS EXPECTED! DYLAN, HAMLIN AND ST. JOHN PLAYED OUT THEIR ROLES IN THIS AFFAIR...


...WITH EXPLOSIVE RESULTS!
THE LAST OF THE TARGETED ENERGY SUBSTATIONS HAD BEEN DESTROYED...
KRA-KHOOM!
...THOUGH NOT WITHOUT COST!


ARLO HAD BEEN INJURED UPON ARRIVAL, AND, ALTHOUGH PENELOPE REMAINED BEHIND TO PROTECT HIM, WHEN THE RAIDING PARTY RETURNED...
...THEY WERE GONE!
THE OTHERS WERE RIGHTLY CONCERNED...


...BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE MISSION STILL LAY AHEAD!
WITH ROBOTROPOLIS' DEFENSE SYSTEM COMPROMISED, WE PREPARED TO STRIKE!


ST. JOHN HAD WANDERED OFF -- PRESUMABLY TO SCOUT THE TERRAIN AHEAD!
AFTER ALL...


PRINCESS Sally™
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CONCLUSION
...IT WAS ANYONE'S GUESS WHAT AWAITED US WITHIN!
OH, PUT A SOCKET IN IT, YOU RUSTY OLD BUCKET OF BOLTS!
WE GAVE AT THE OFFICE!
CHUUM CHUUM CHUUM
PROFOUND ADVICE, PRINCESS--
--WHICH WE WOULD ALL DO WELL TO FOLLOW!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, HAMLIN--
--AND CONCENTRATE ON STAYING ALIVE!
SPA-LOOSH!
SPLORCH!
INTRUDER-ALERT! INTRUDER-ALERT!
UNAUTHORIZED-ACCESS-HAS-BEEN-ACHIEVED-IN-SECTOR-76!
--TERMINATE-WITH-EXTREME-PREJUDICE!
REPEAT:-TERMINATE-WITH-
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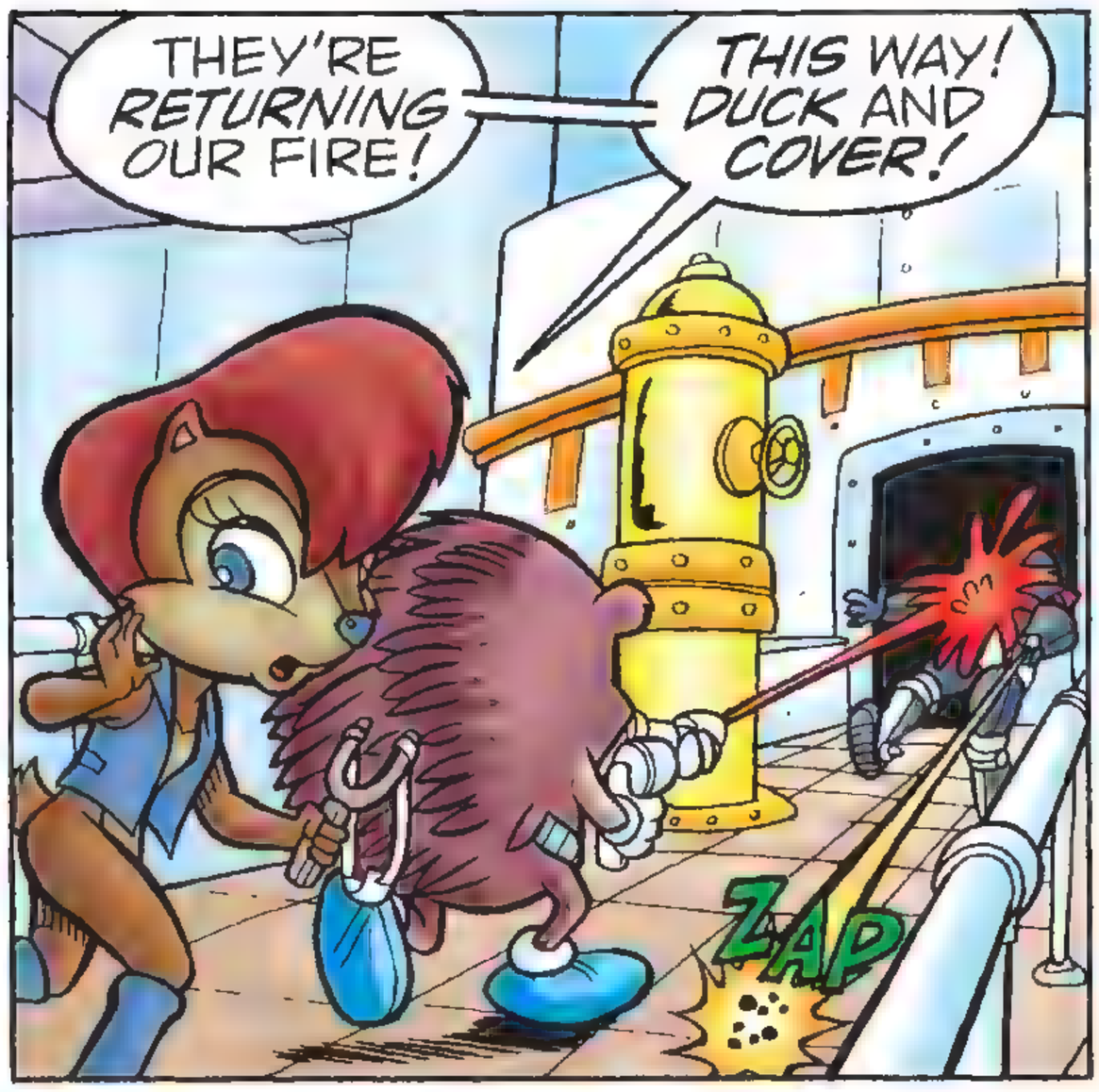
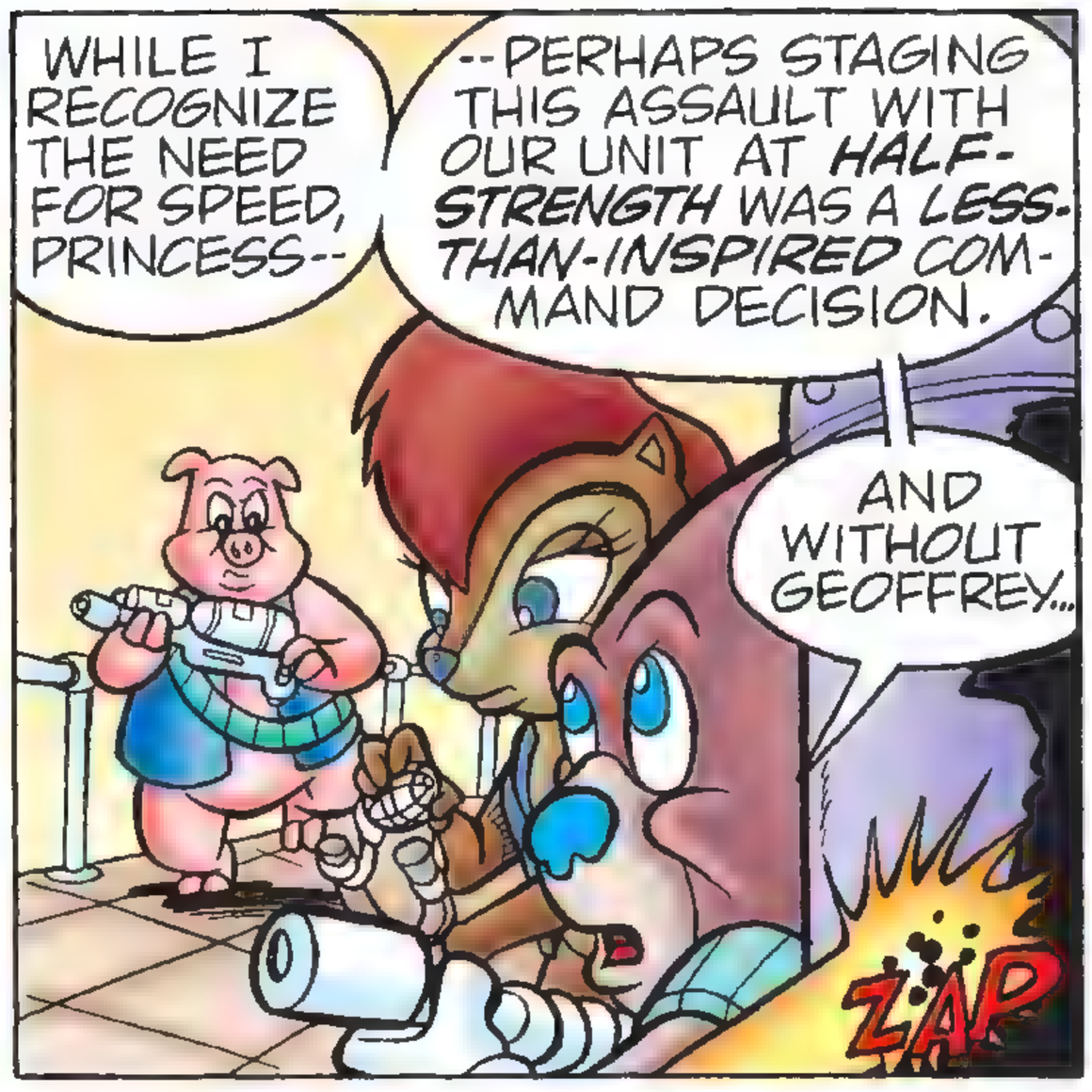
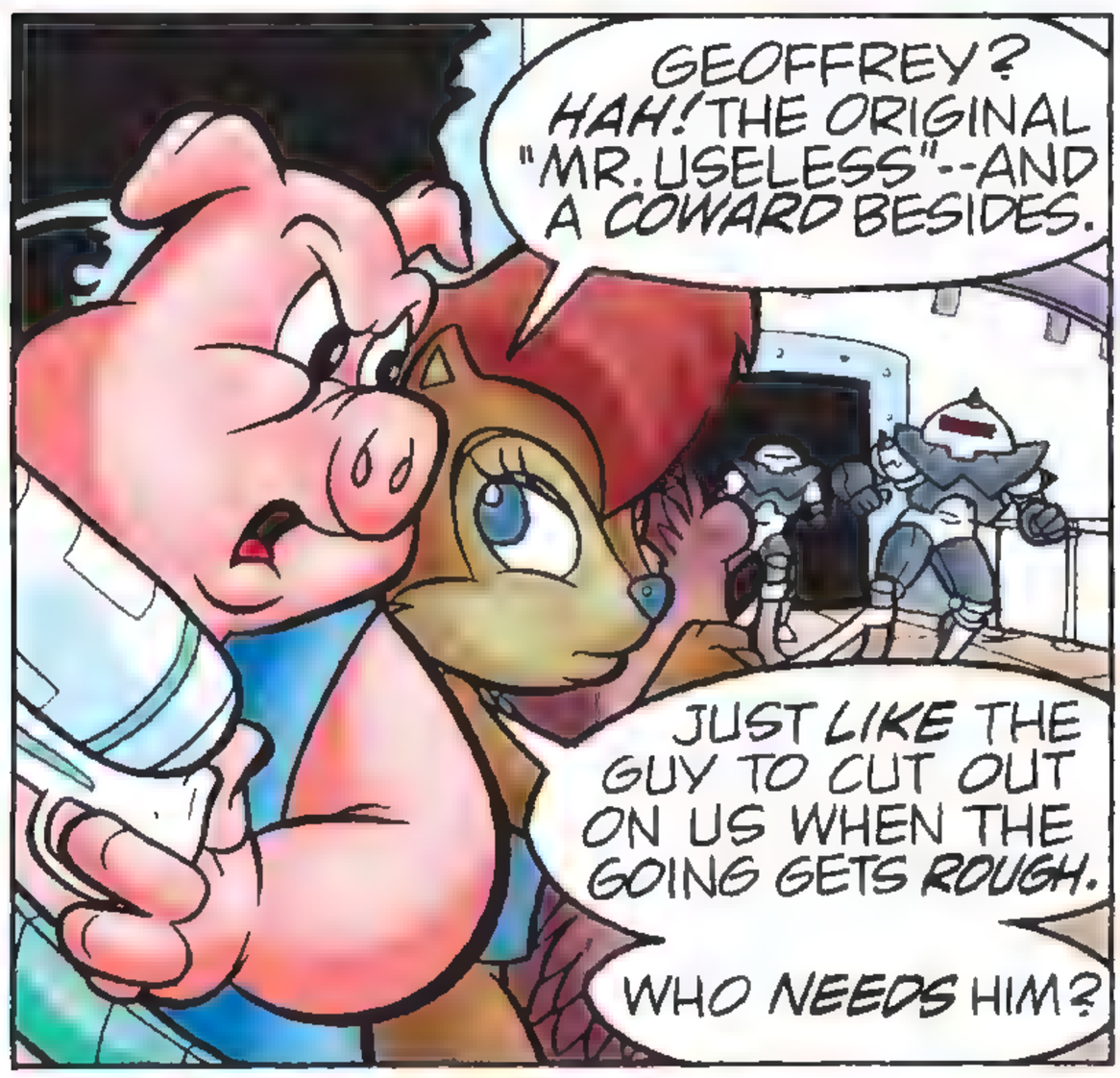
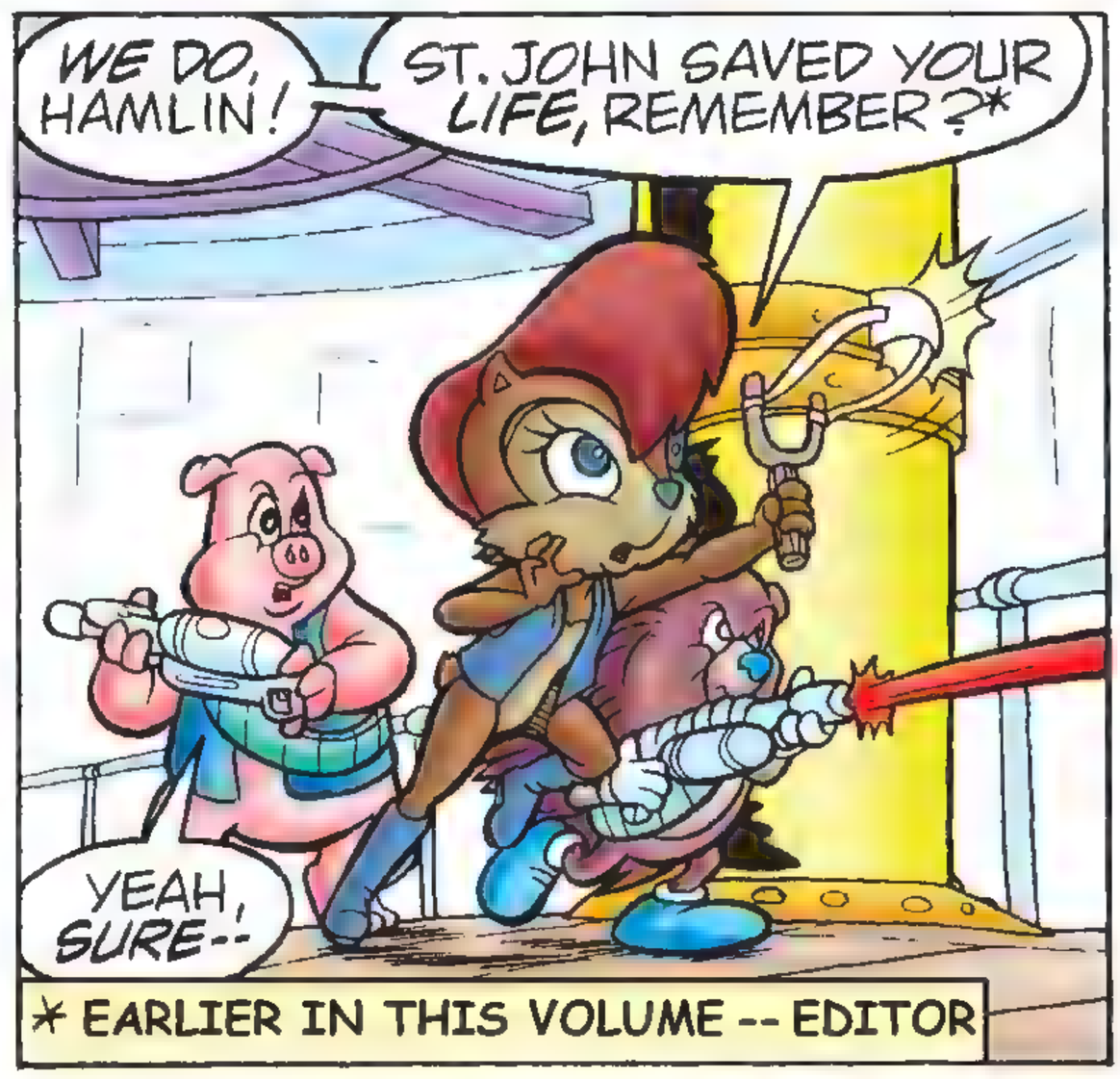
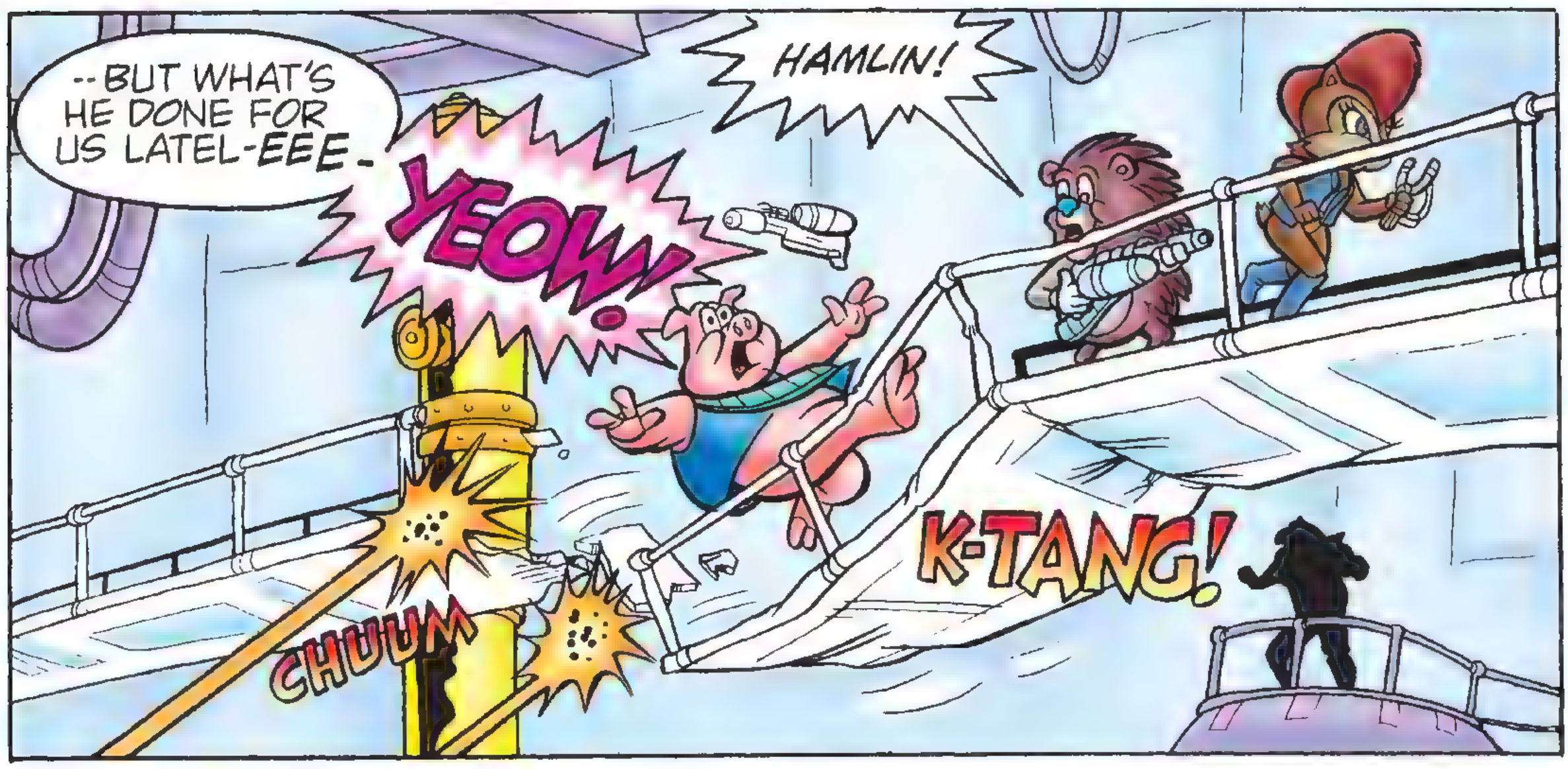
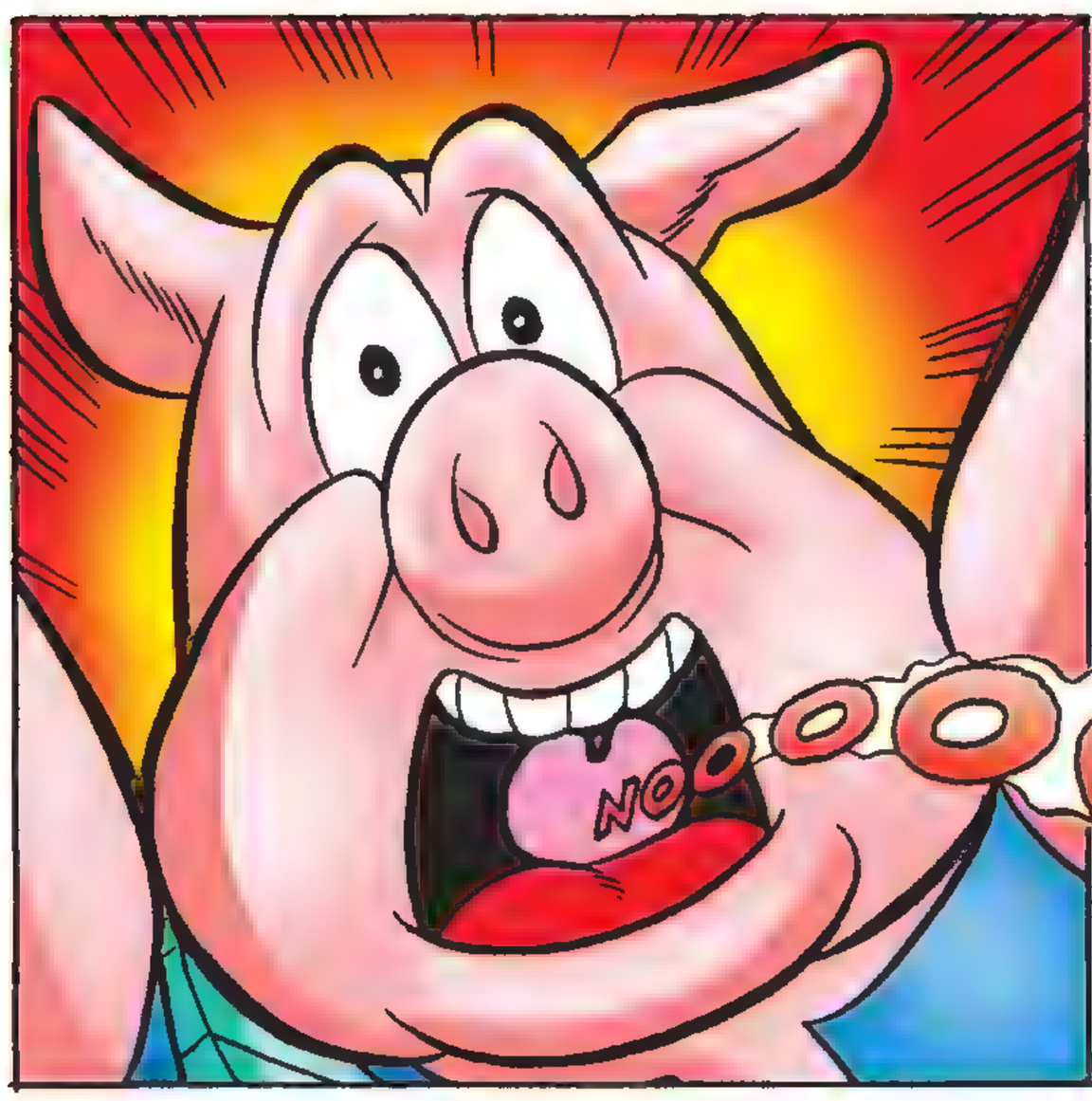

THEY'RE RETURNING OUR FIRE!
THIS WAY! DUCK AND COVER!
ZAP


WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR SPEED, PRINCESS--
--PERHAPS STAGING THIS ASSAULT WITH OUR UNIT AT HALF-STRENGTH WAS A LESS-THAN-INSPIRED COMMAND DECISION.
AND WITHOUT GEOFFREY...
ZAP


GEOFFREY? HAH! THE ORIGINAL "MR. USELESS"--AND A COWARD BESIDES.
JUST LIKE THE GUY TO CUT OUT ON US WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH.
WHO NEEDS HIM?


WE DO, HAMLIN!
ST. JOHN SAVED YOUR LIFE, REMEMBER?*
YEAH, SURE--
* EARLIER IN THIS VOLUME -- EDITOR


--BUT WHAT'S HE DONE FOR US LATEL-EEE-
HAMLIN!
YEOW!
CHUUM
K-TANG!

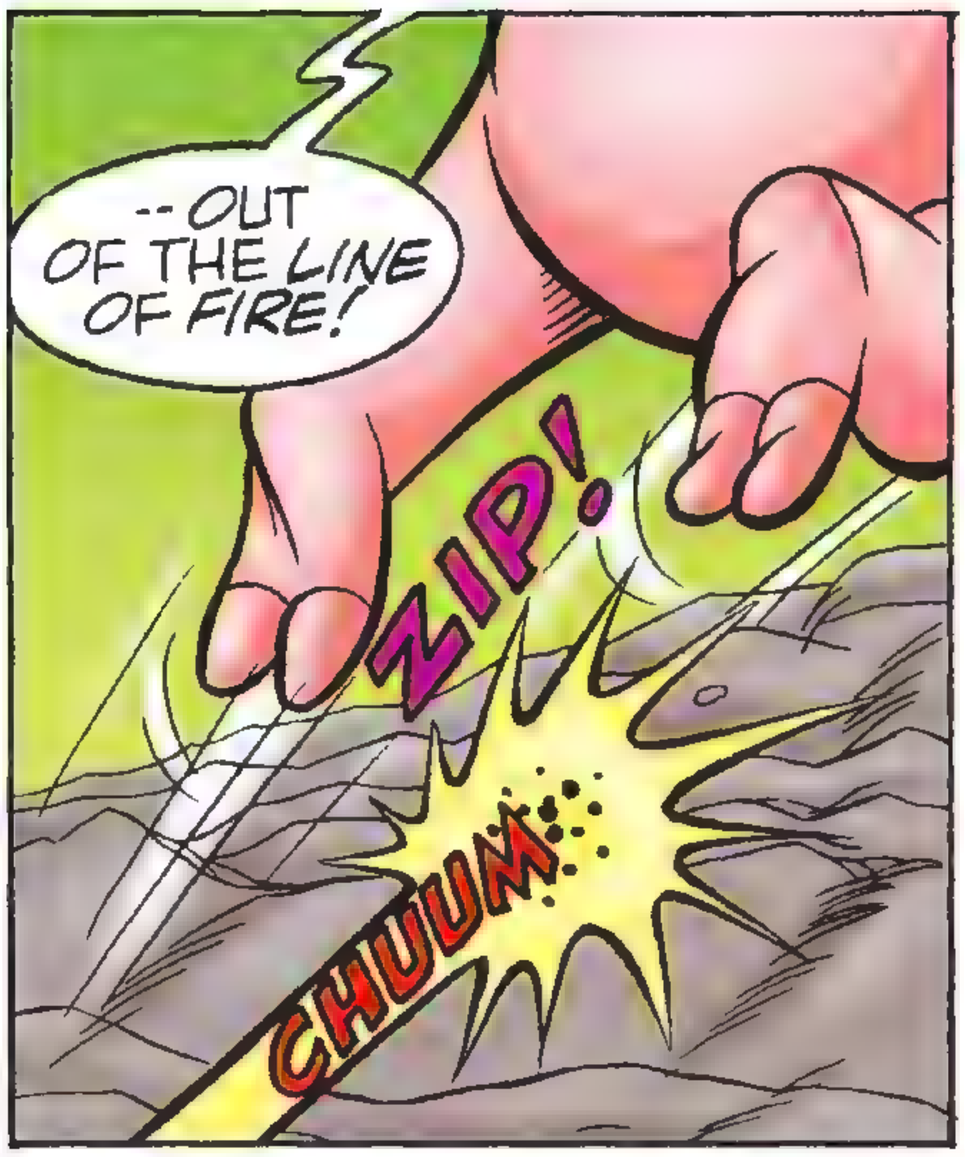

NOOOOOO

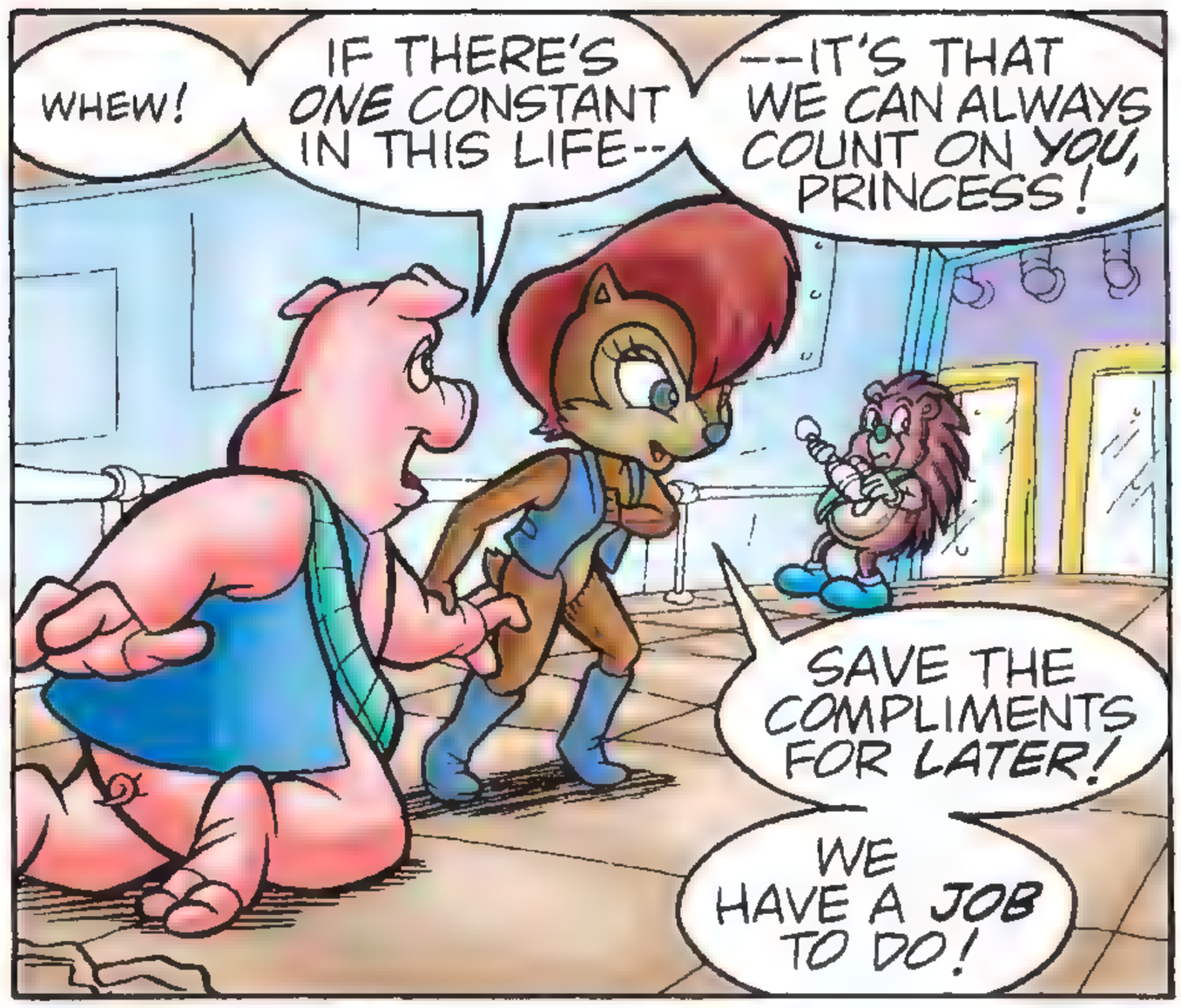
SNAG!
HUH? WHO?

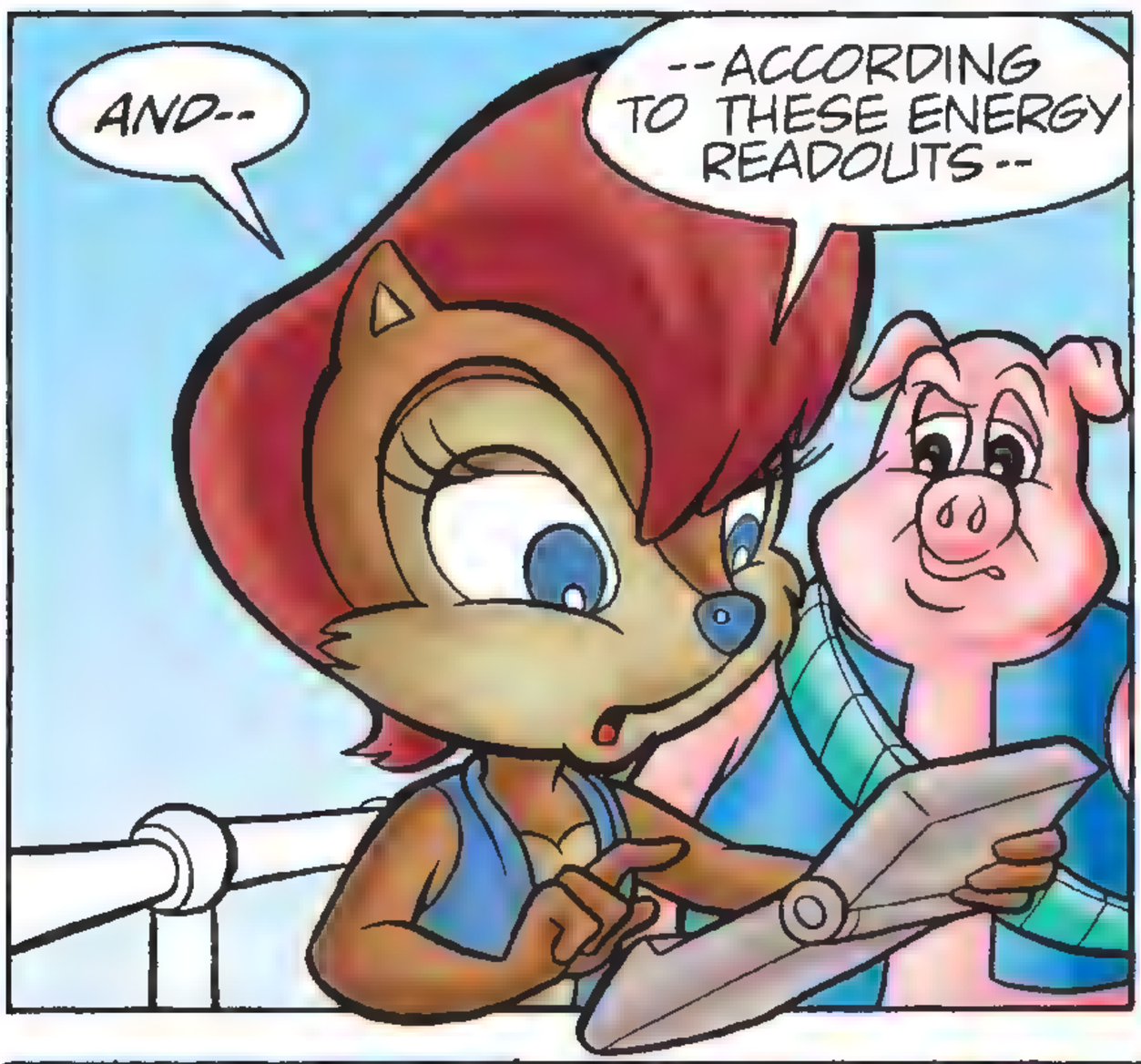
PRINCESS SALLY!
DON'T THANK ME YET, HAMLIN!

AT LEAST--
CHUUM CHUUM
NOT UNTIL--
YOU'RE SAFELY--

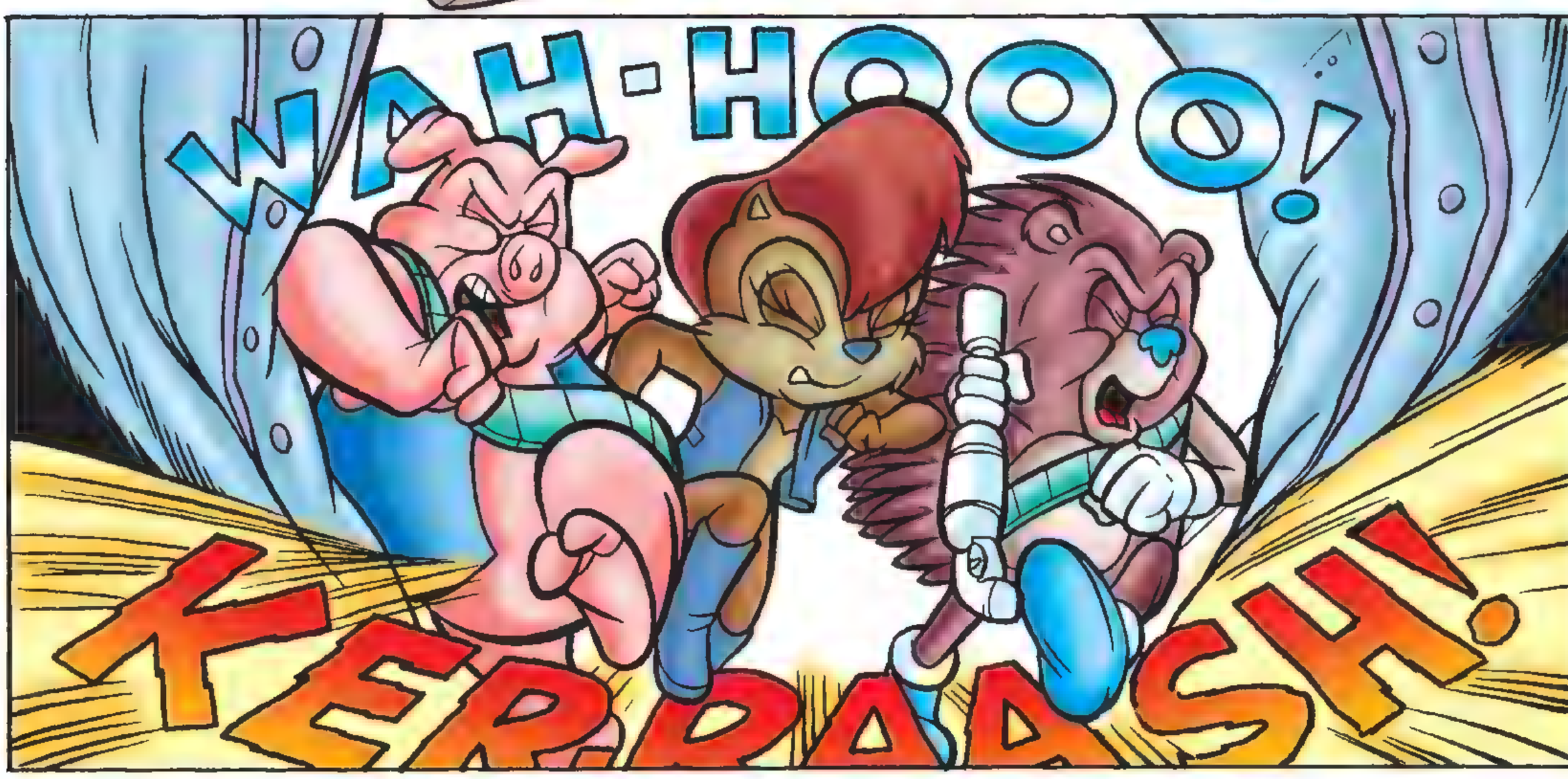
KLIK!
GRIND!
WHRRRR-
TARGETING...
TARGETING...
TARGETING...
TARGET LOCK ACQUIRED...


--OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE!
ZIP!
CHUUM!


WHEW!
IF THERE'S ONE CONSTANT IN THIS LIFE--
--IT'S THAT WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU, PRINCESS!
SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS FOR LATER!
WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!

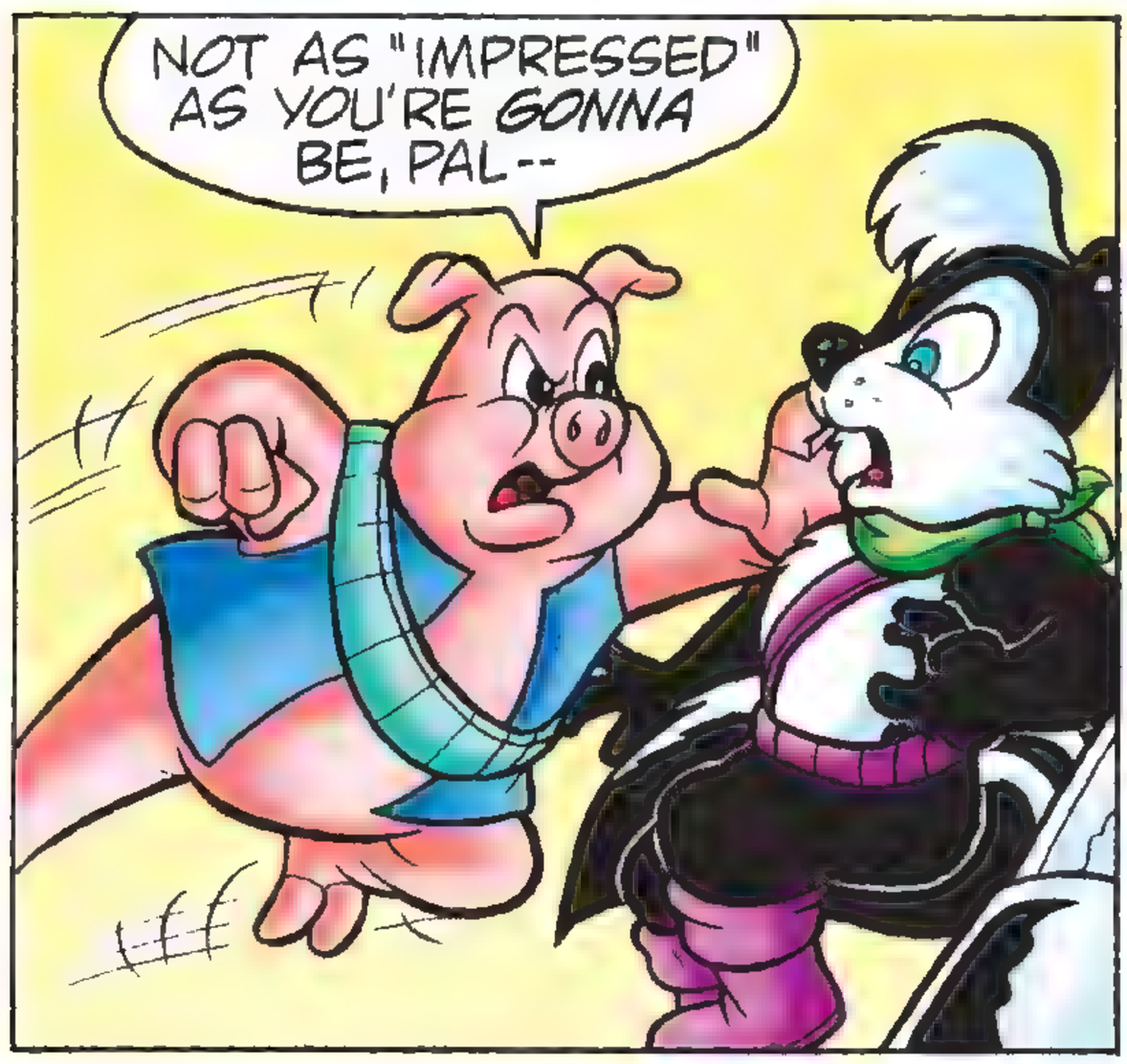

AND--
--ACCORDING TO THESE ENERGY READOUTS--

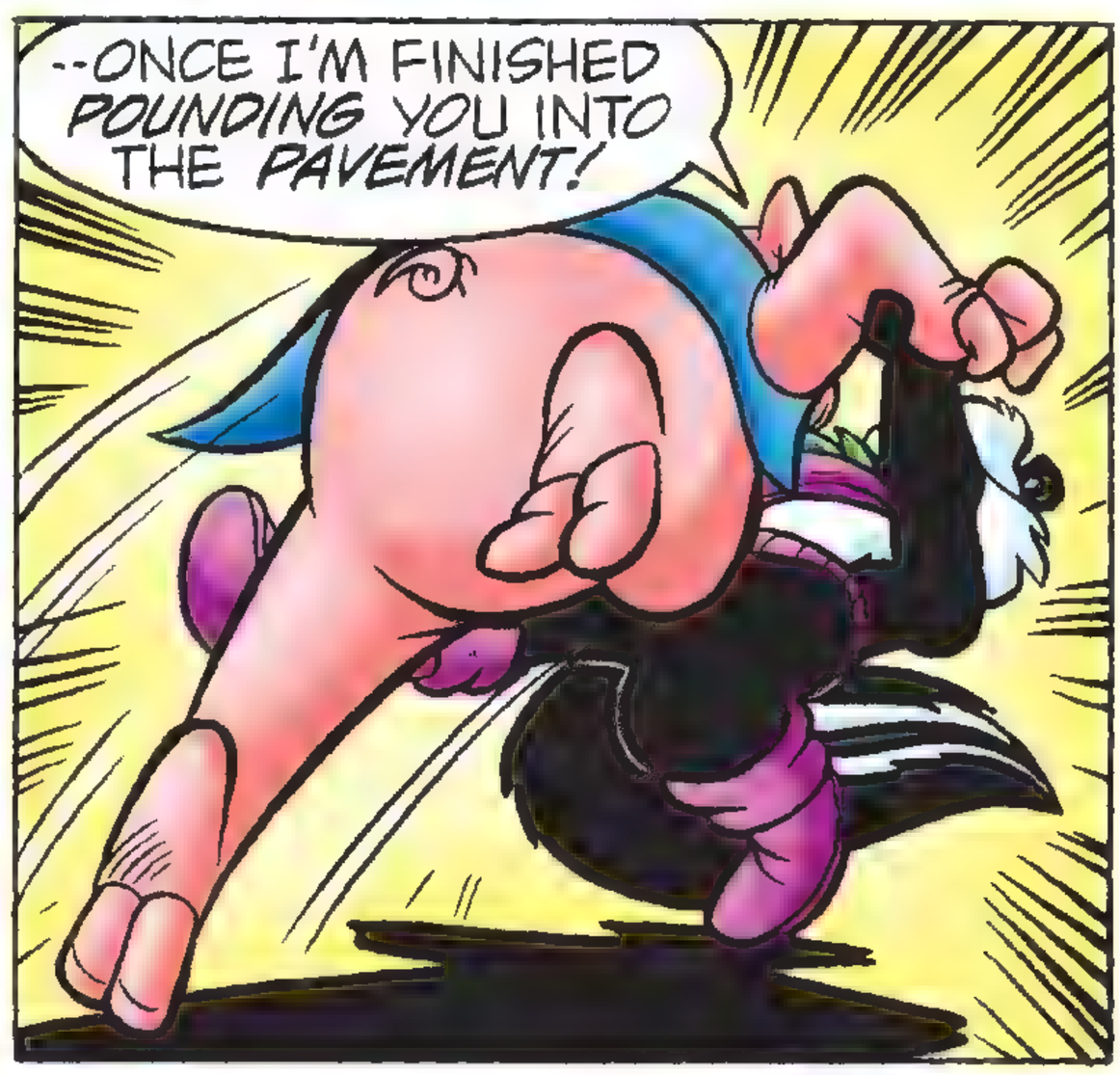
--OUR OBJECTIVE IS BEHIND DOOR NUMBER ONE!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
OR, TO EXERCISE THE COMMON SPEECH--

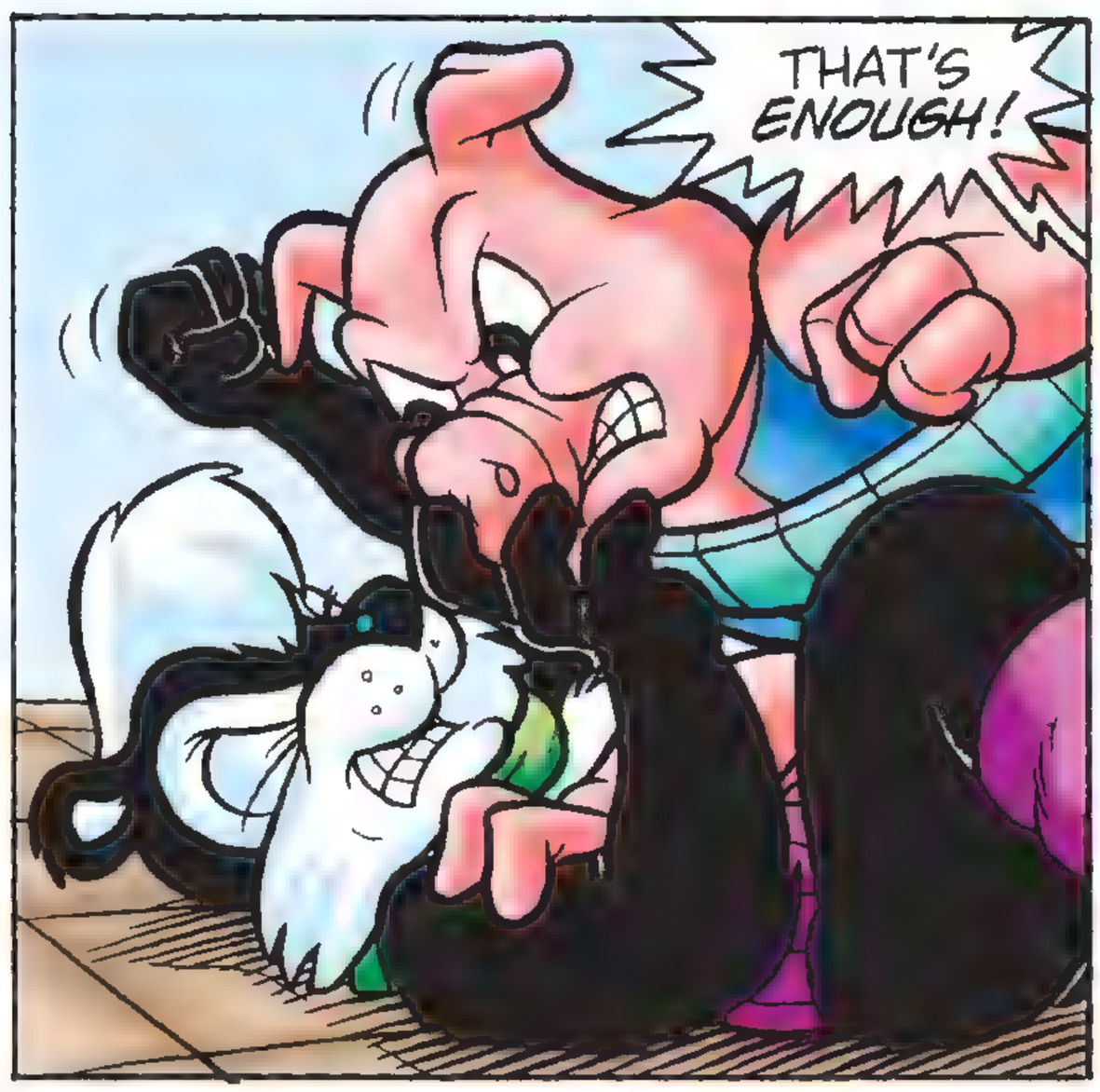

WAH-HOOO!
KERPAASH!

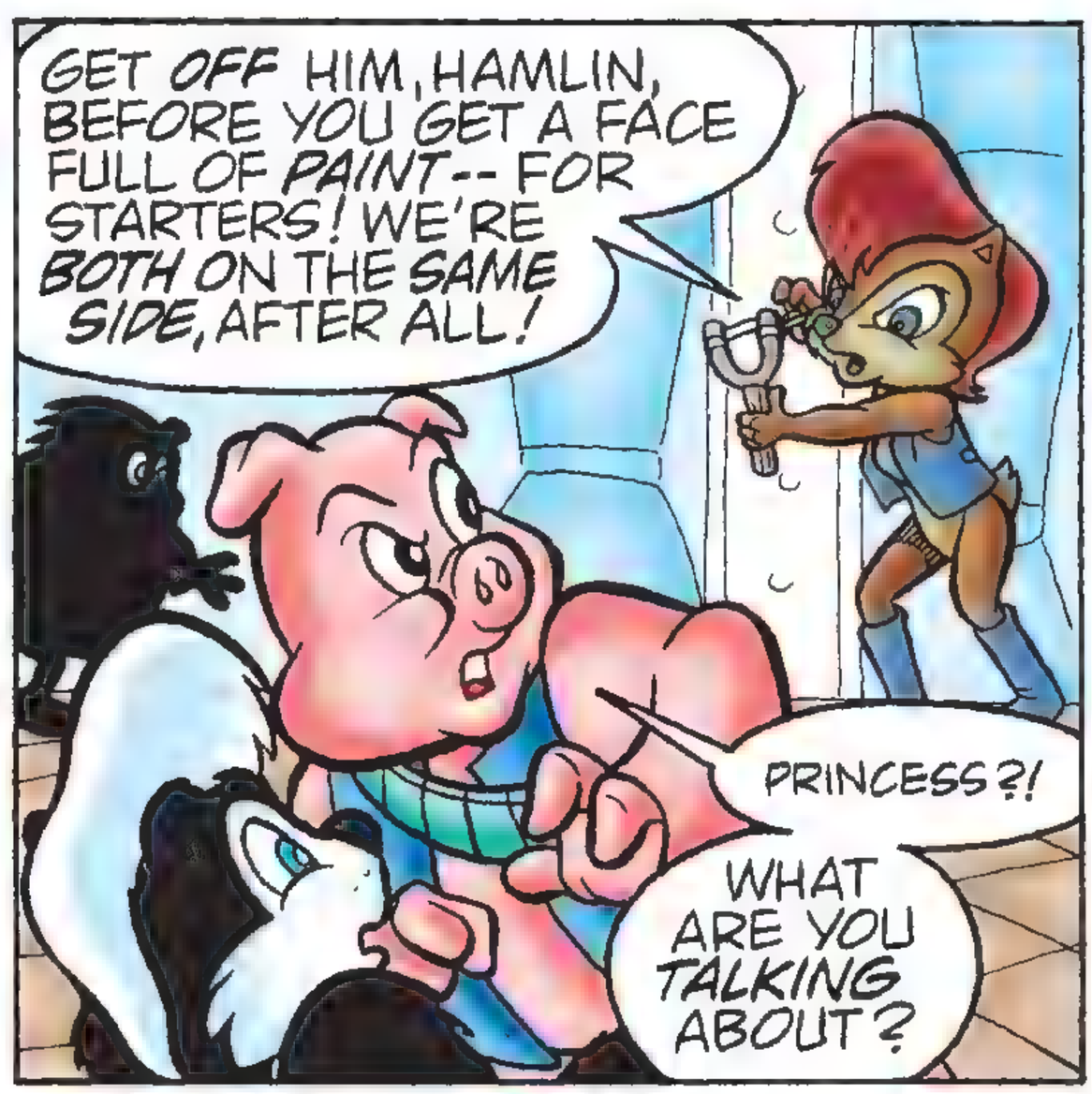
FOURTEEN MINUTES, ELEVEN SECONDS.
UNACCEPTABLE!
YOU'VE KEPT US WAITING, FREEDOM FIGHTERS--
--AND TARDINESS IS A SIN I FIND MOST DIFFICULT TO FORGIVE!
STILL, YOU ARE HERE NOW, AND THAT, IN THE END, IS ALL THAT MATTERS!
DID I FORGET MYSELF--INTRODUCTIONS ARE IN ORDER!
I, OF COURSE, AM DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!
AND MY ASSOCIATE, I BELIEVE, IS ALREADY KNOWN TO YOU.
G'DAY, MATES.
WELCOME TO THE PARTY.

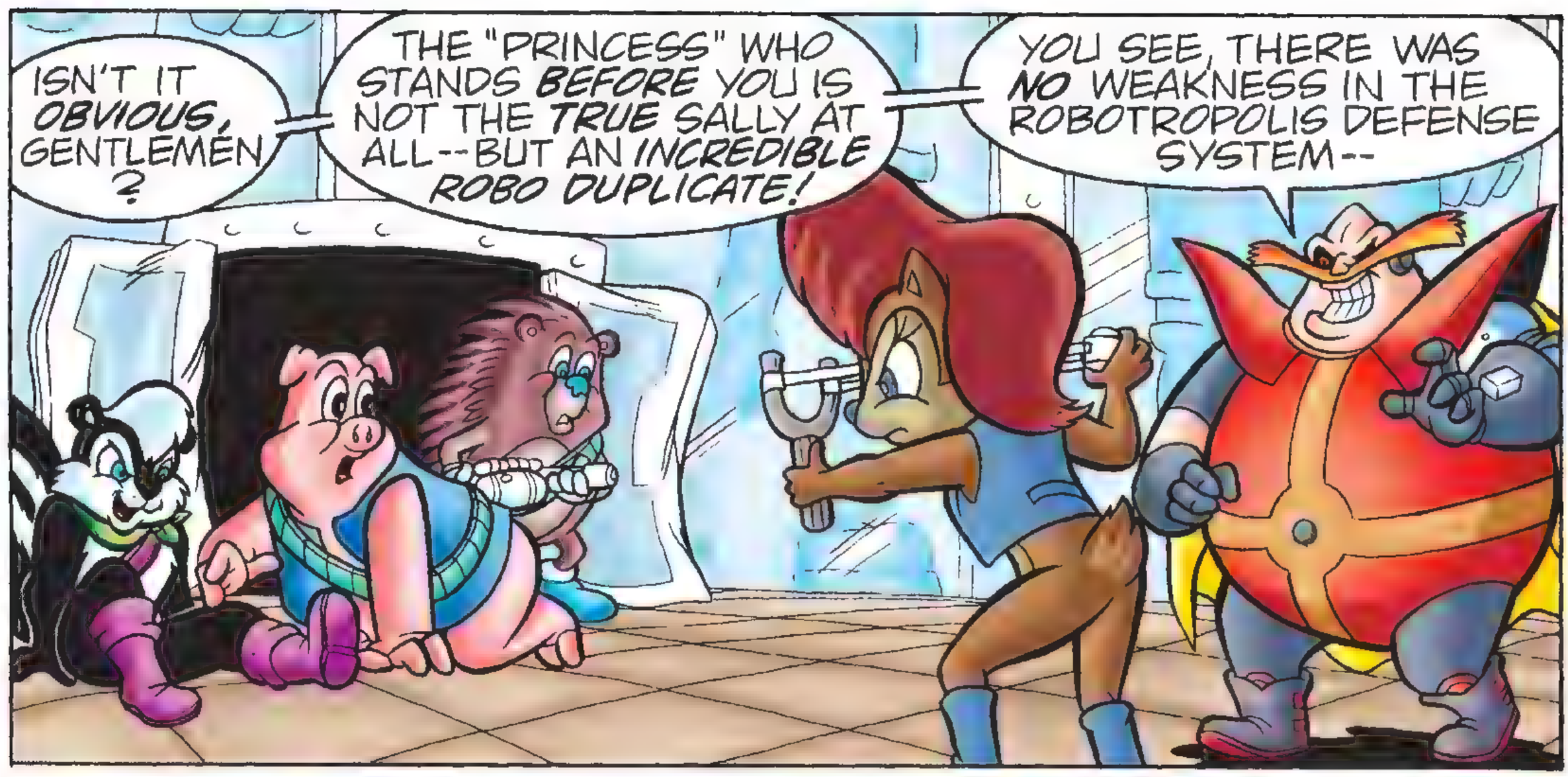
GEOFFREY--AND DR. ROBOTNIK--TOGETHER?!
THAT MEANS--
YOU TRAITOR!!
YOU SET US UP!
BRIGHT BOY! FIGURED IT OUT ALL BY Y' LONESOME, EH?
I'M IMPRESSED.

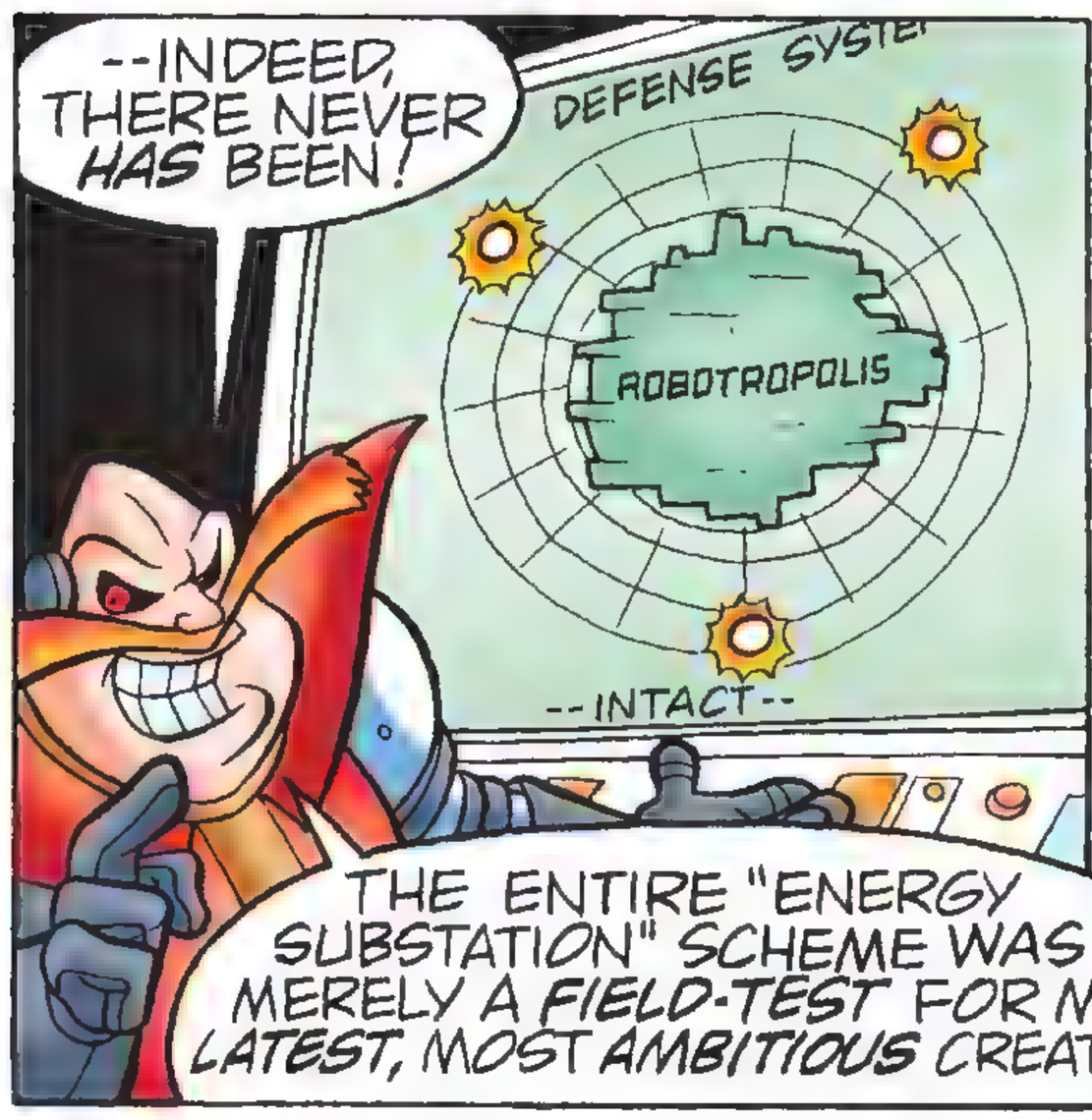


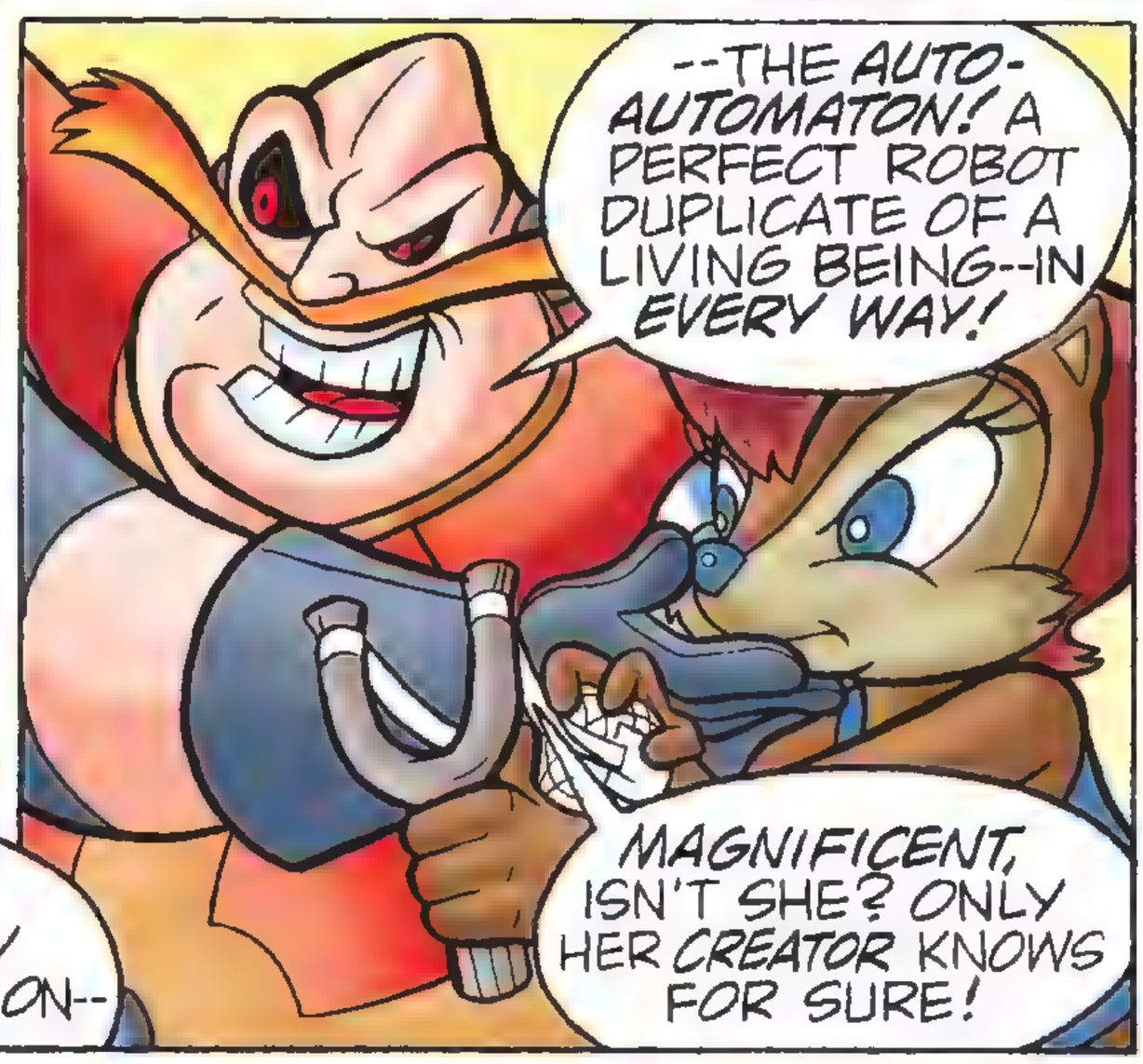


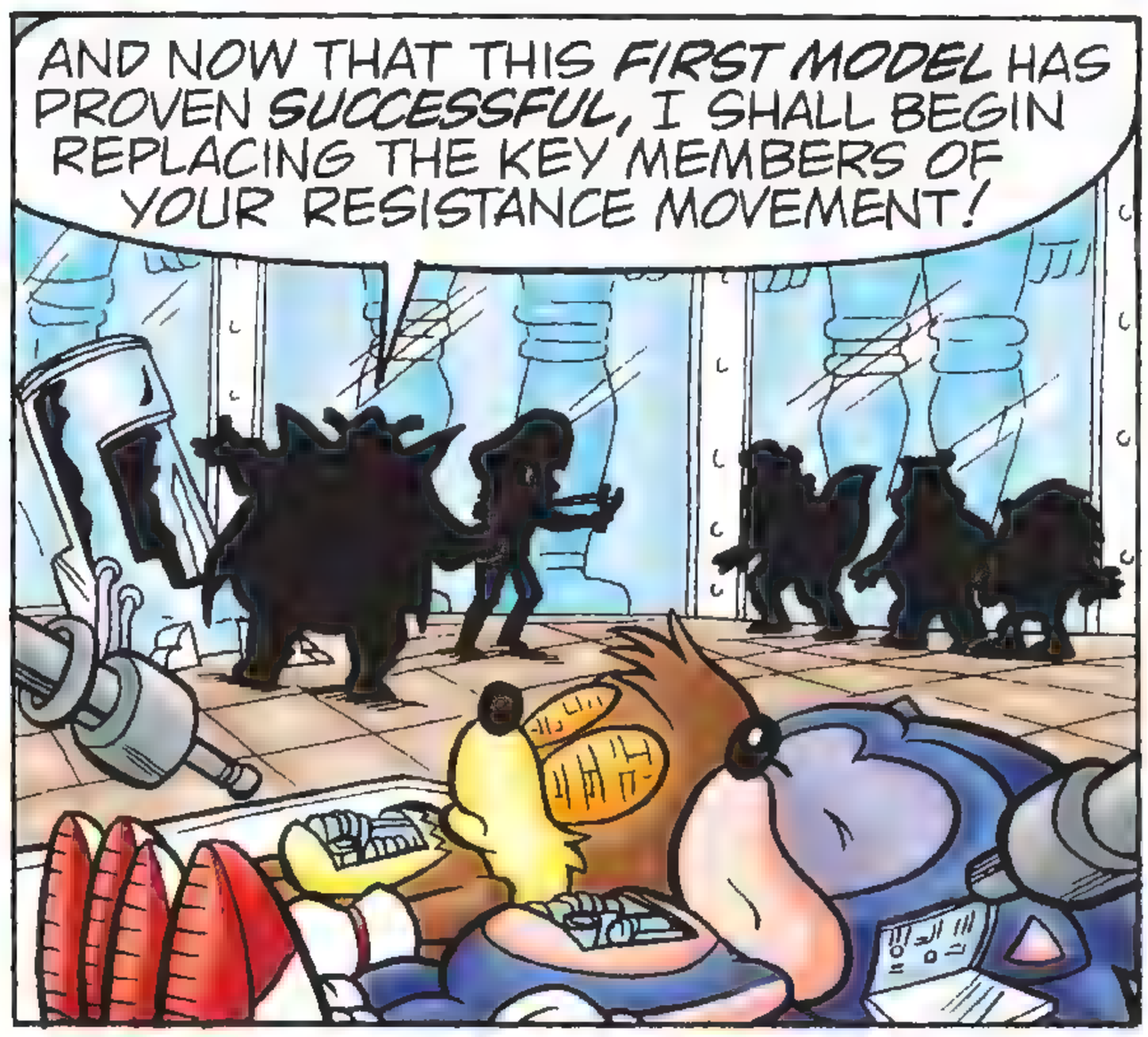





ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, GENTLEMEN?
THE "PRINCESS" WHO STANDS BEFORE YOU IS NOT THE TRUE SALLY AT ALL--BUT AN INCREDIBLE ROBO DUPLICATE!
YOU SEE, THERE WAS NO WEAKNESS IN THE ROBOTROPOLIS DEFENSE SYSTEM--


--INDEED, THERE NEVER HAS BEEN!
DEFENSE SYSTEM
ROBOTROPOLIS
--INTACT--
THE ENTIRE "ENERGY SUBSTATION" SCHEME WAS MERELY A FIELD-TEST FOR MY LATEST, MOST AMBITIOUS CREATION--

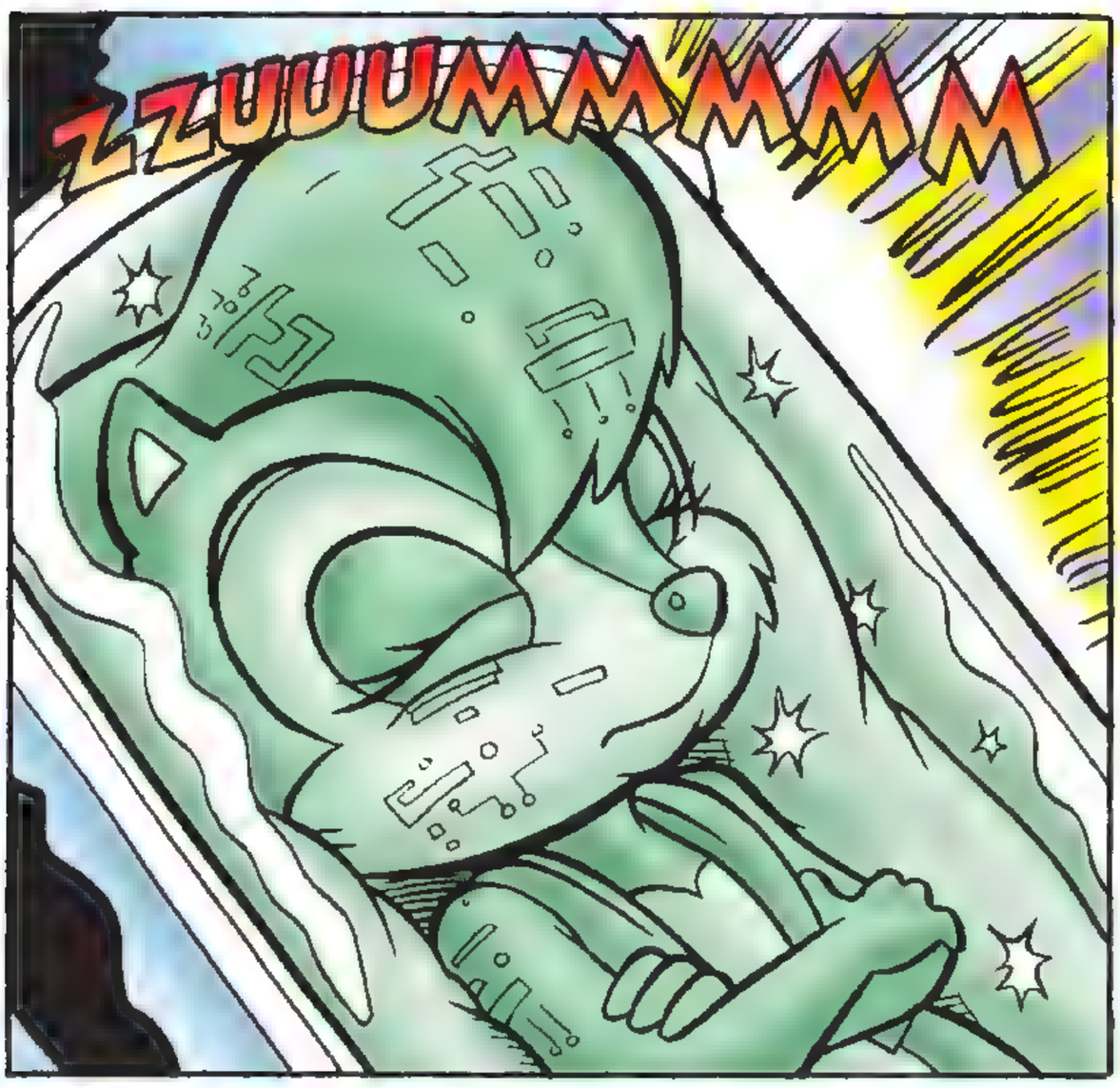

--THE AUTO-AUTOMATON! A PERFECT ROBOT DUPLICATE OF A LIVING BEING--IN EVERY WAY!
MAGNIFICENT, ISN'T SHE? ONLY HER CREATOR KNOWS FOR SURE!

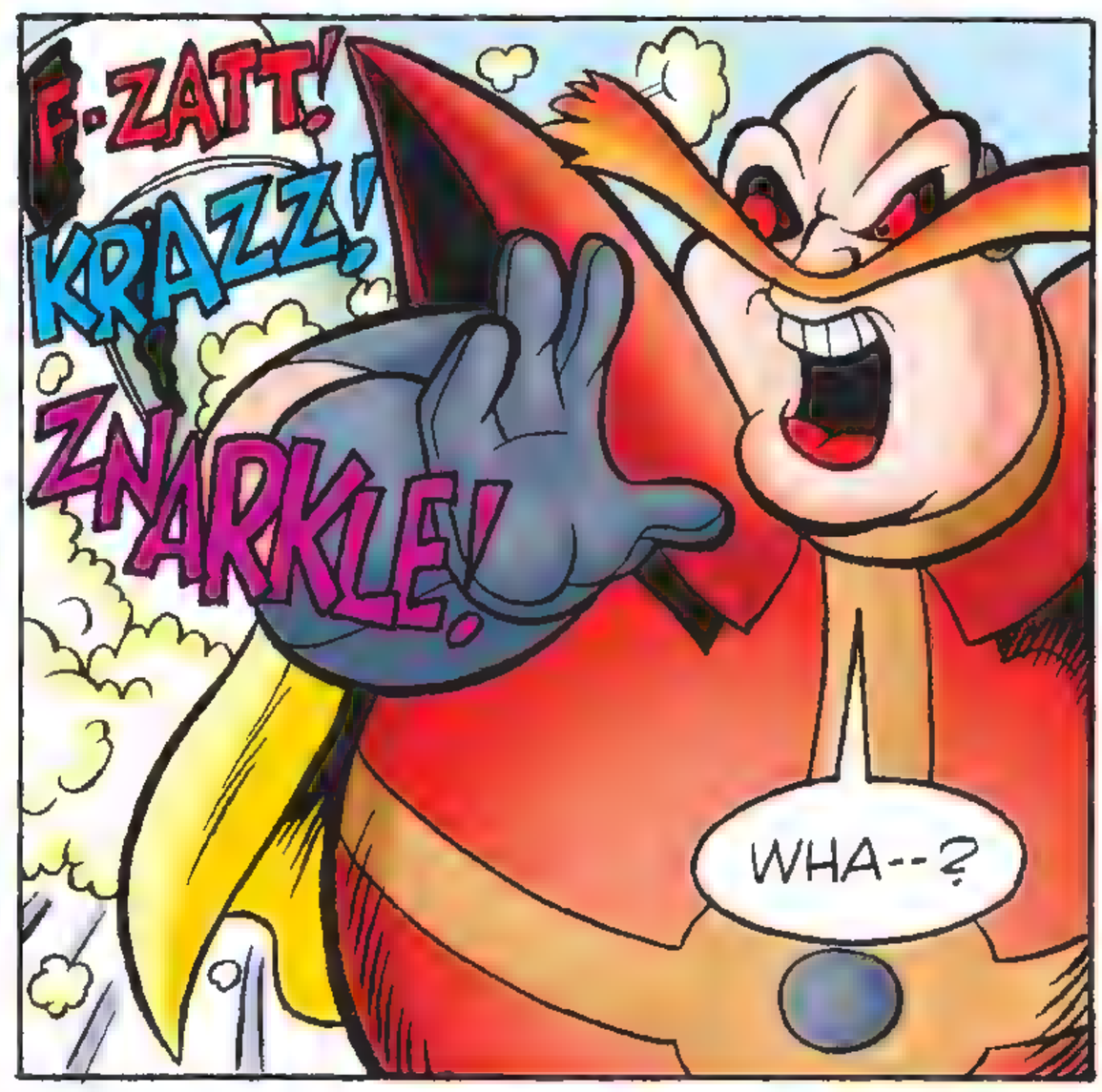

AND NOW THAT THIS FIRST MODEL HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, I SHALL BEGIN REPLACING THE KEY MEMBERS OF YOUR RESISTANCE MOVEMENT!

AS FOR THE GENUINE ARTICLE--
--DELIVERED TO ME BY YOUR "ASSOCIATE"--REBEL UNDERGROUND LEADER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN--

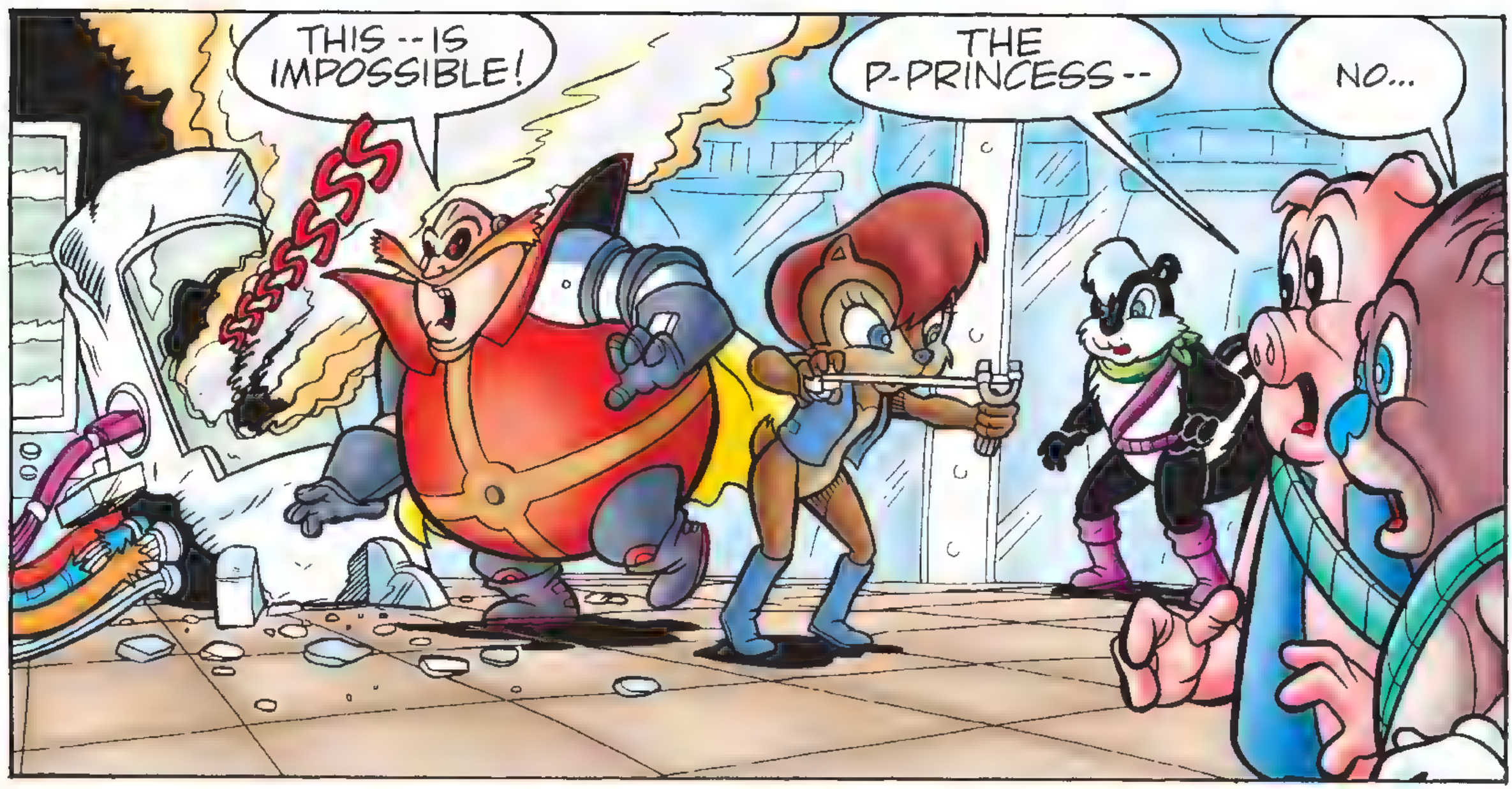
K-CHUNG!

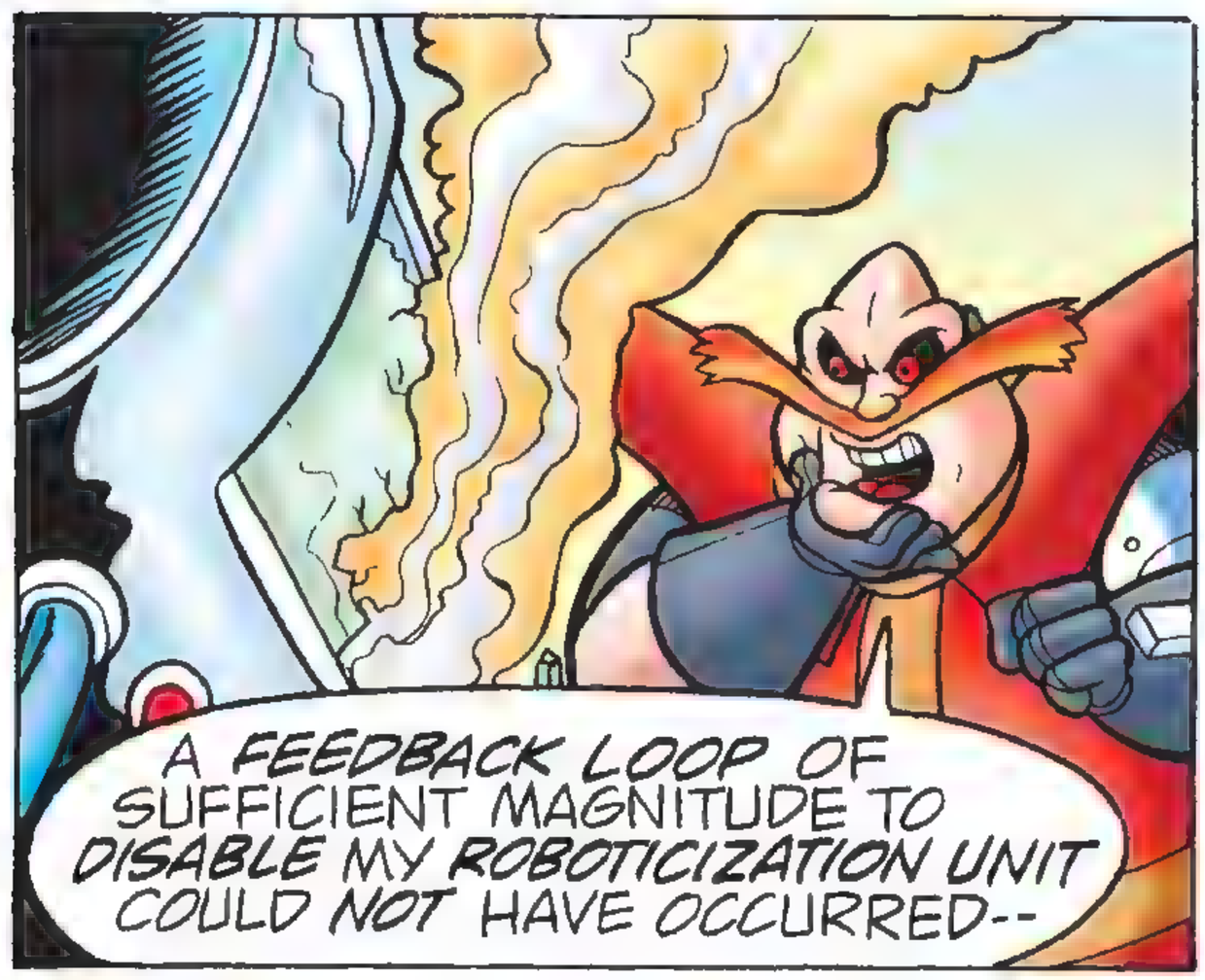
--I FEAR HER-- USEFULNESS -- HAS COME TO AN END.
ROBOT ROBOTIC-IZATION ENGAGED

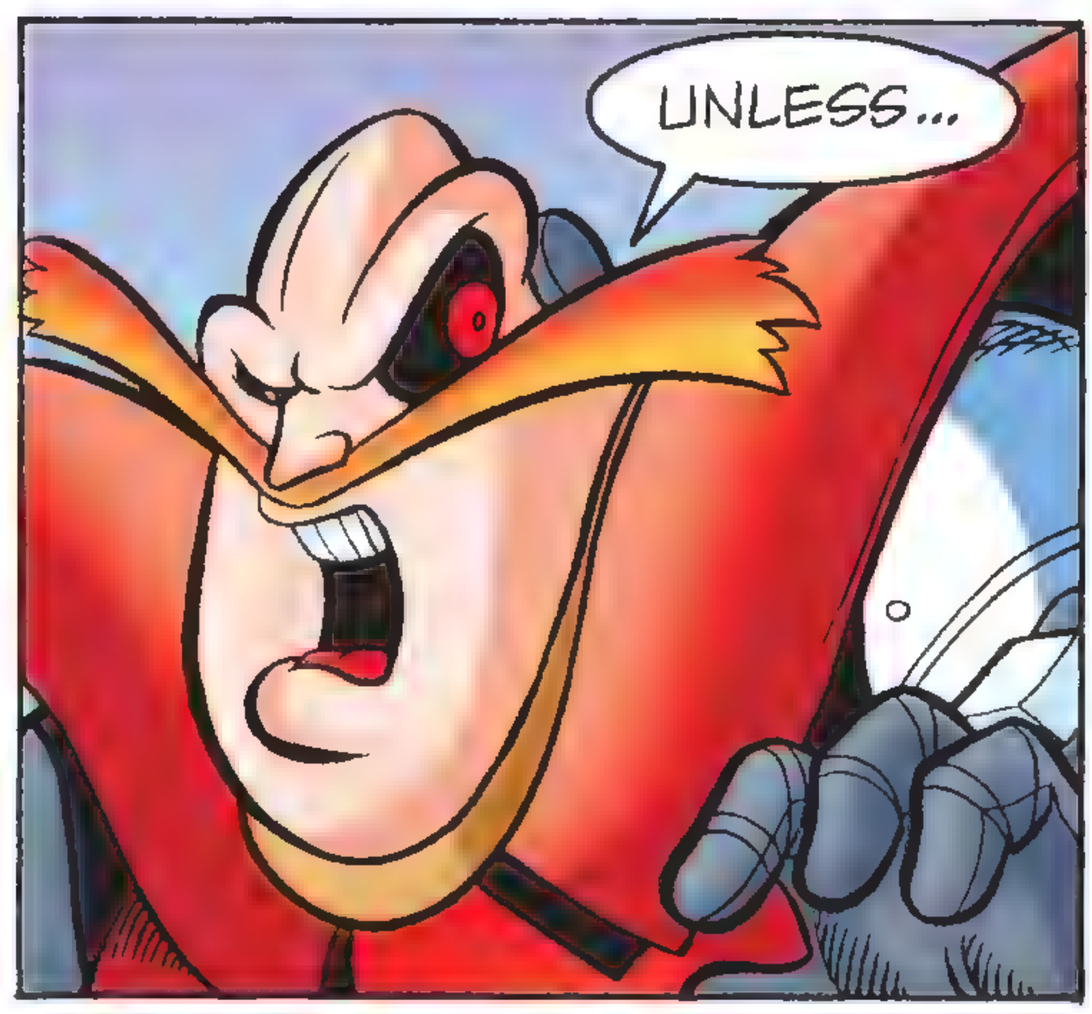

ZZUUUMMMMMM

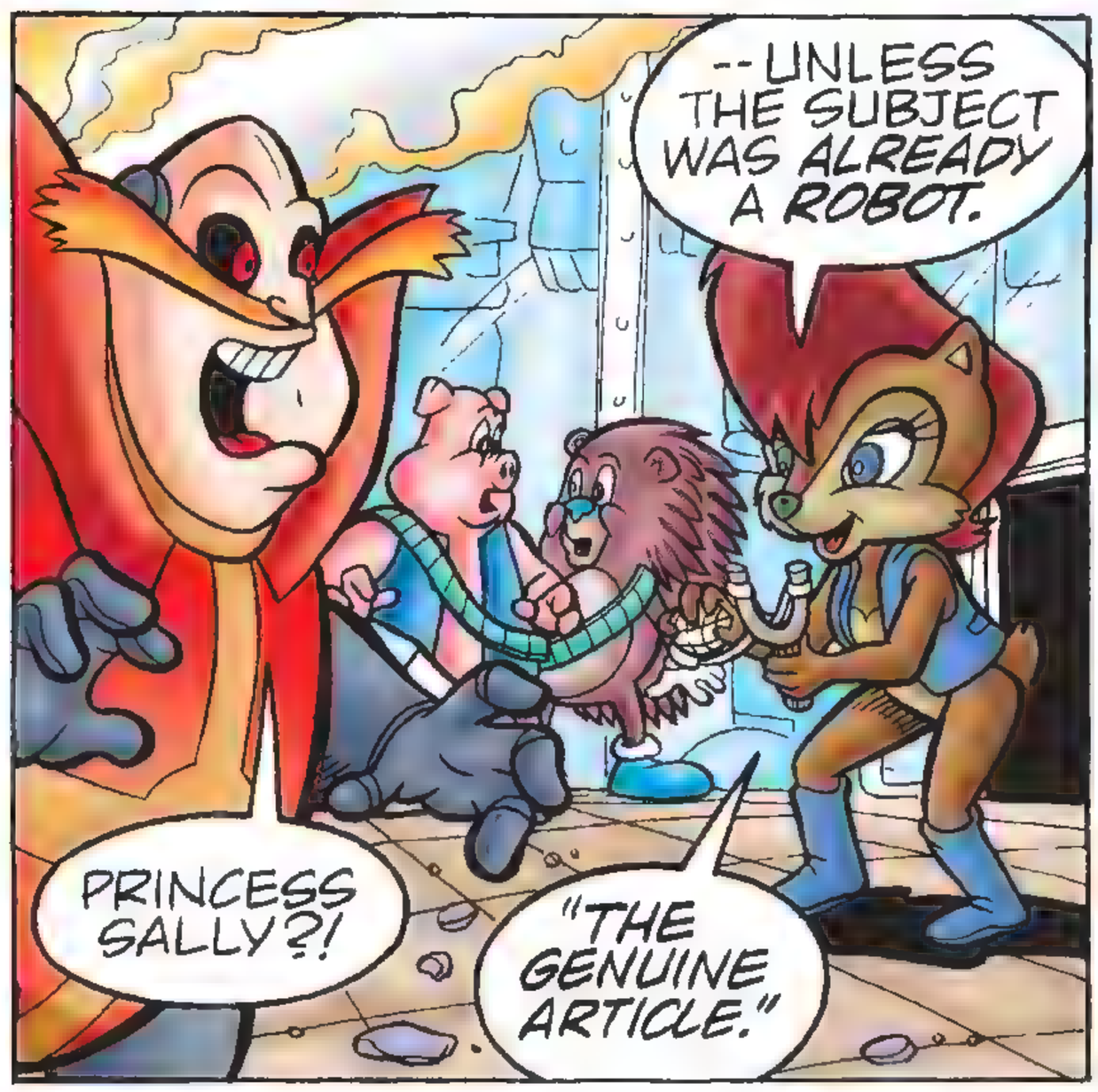

F-ZATT!
KRAZZ!
ZNARKLE!
WHA--?

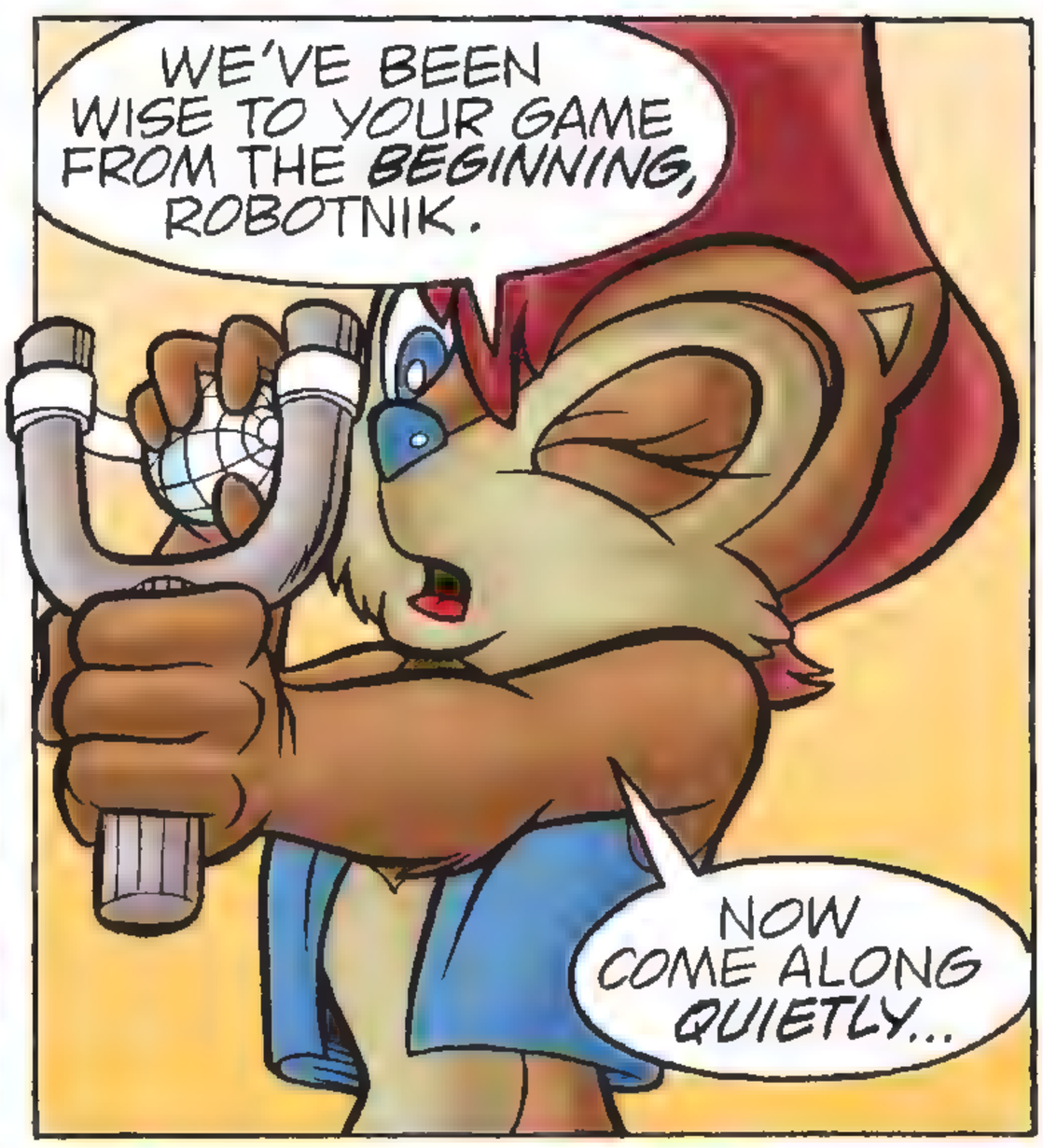
KABOOM


THIS -- IS IMPOSSIBLE!
THE P-PRINCESS --
NO...


A FEEDBACK LOOP OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO DISABLE MY ROBOTICIZATION UNIT COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED--


UNLESS...


--UNLESS THE SUBJECT WAS ALREADY A ROBOT.
PRINCESS SALLY?!
"THE GENUINE ARTICLE."


WE'VE BEEN WISE TO YOUR GAME FROM THE BEGINNING, ROBOTNIK.
NOW COME ALONG QUIETLY...

--I NEVER PLAY WITHOUT A BRILLIANT BACK-UP PLAN!

STEALTH'BOTS! CRAWLING OUT OF THE WOODWORK!

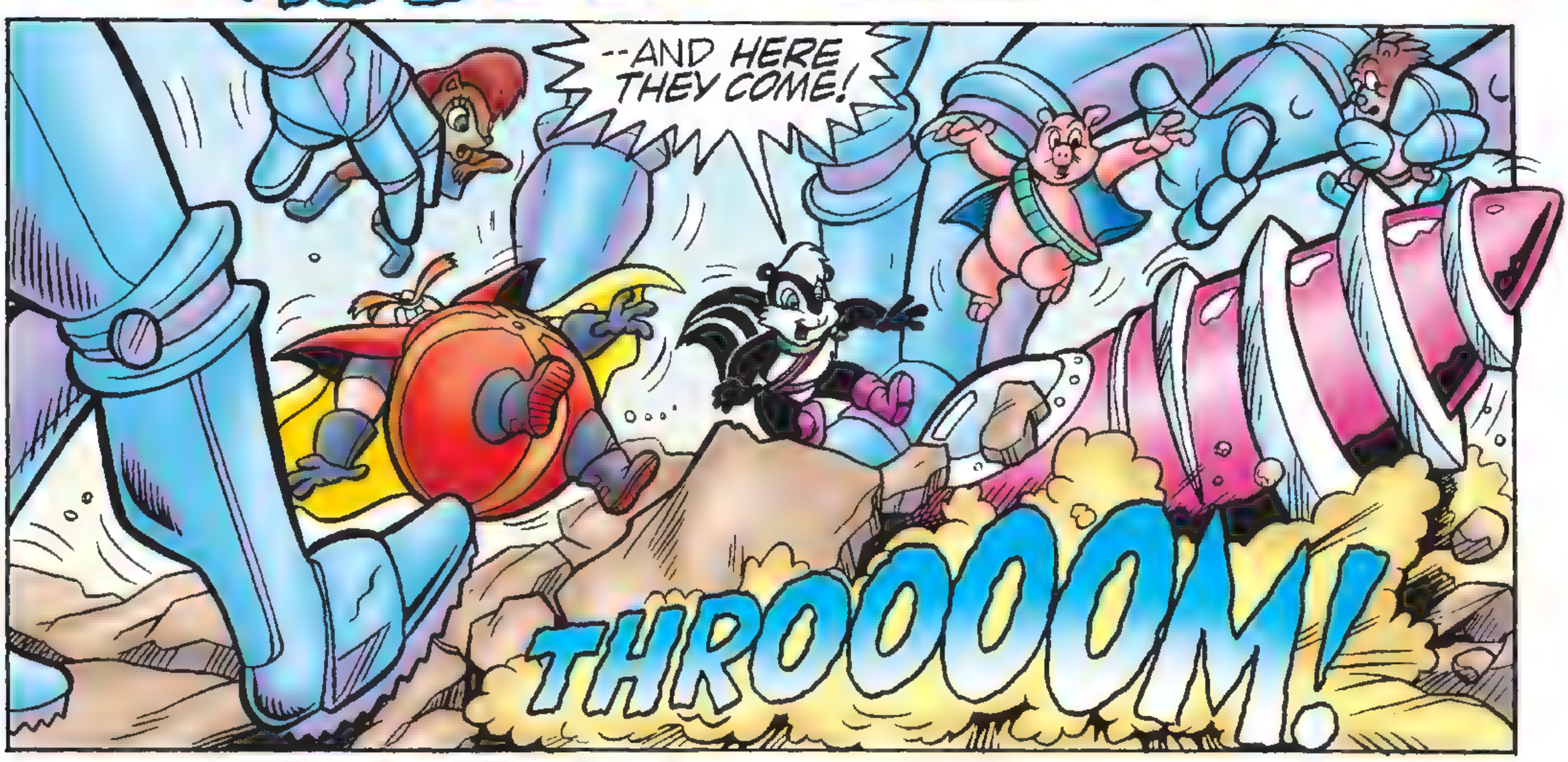
WE'RE SURROUNDED!!

HAHAHAHA!
BID FAREWELL TO YOUR FREE-DOM, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
HAVING DISCOVERED MY "PLAN" YOU MAY HAVE WON THE BATTLE--

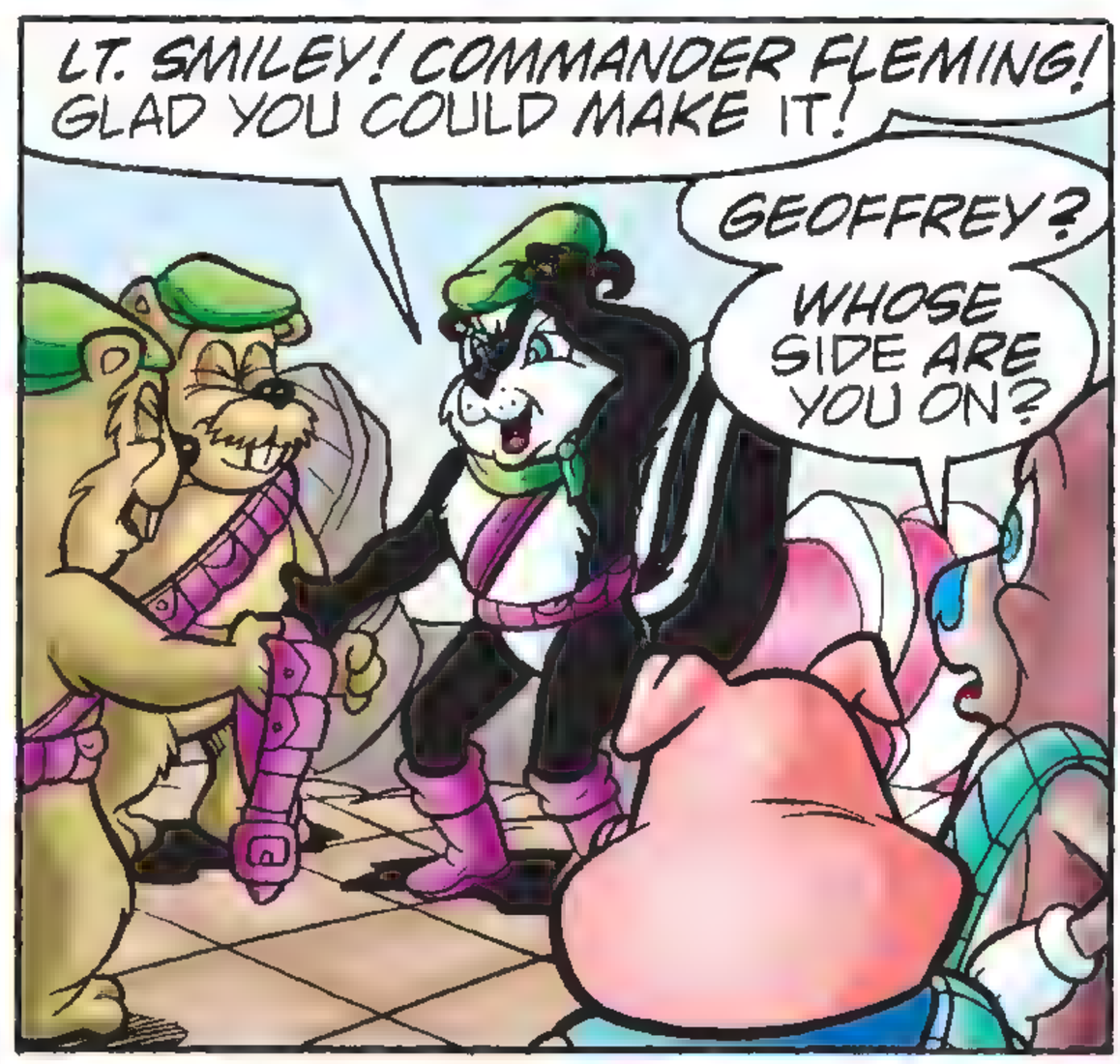
--BUT THE WAR WILL YET BE MINE!
KLIKT!

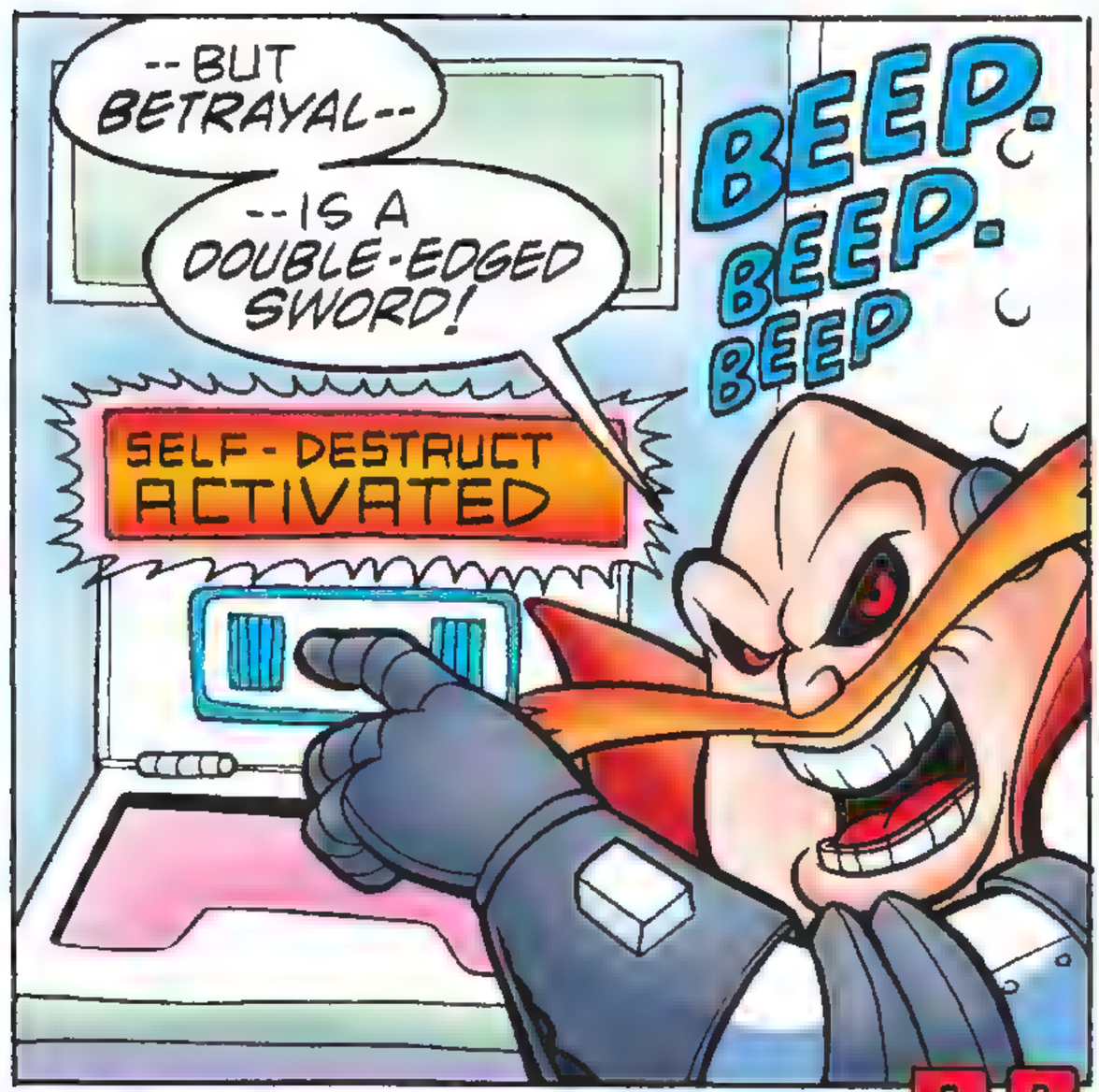
EH?
THE FLOOR--
NOW WHAT?!
RRRUMBBLE!

Y' SAID Y'SELF I WAS LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND, DOC--


--AND HERE THEY COME!
THROOOOM!

DIG IN, MEN!
SECURE THE PERIMETER--
--AND FREE THOSE P.O.W.S!
ARLO! PENELOPE!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!





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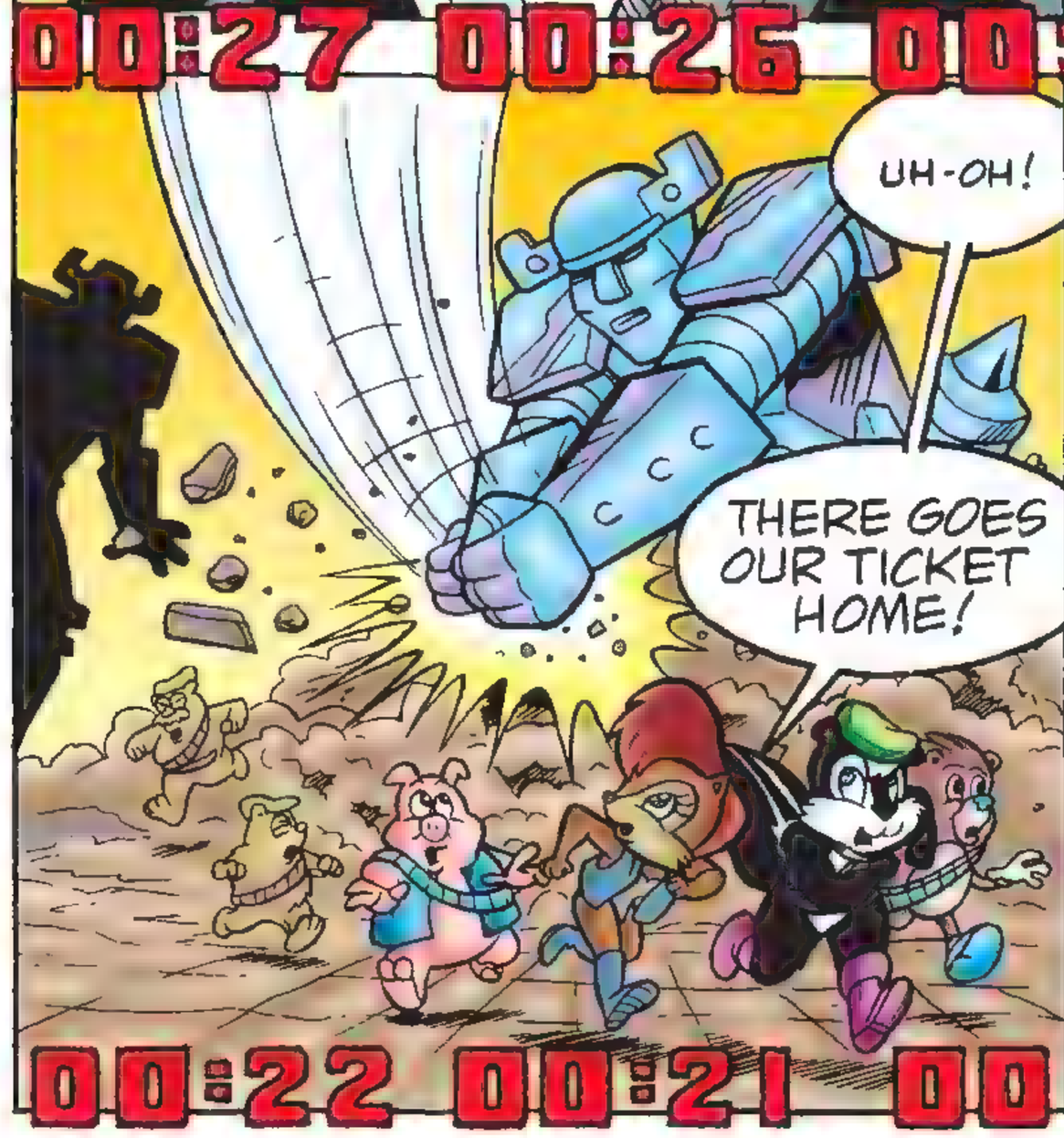

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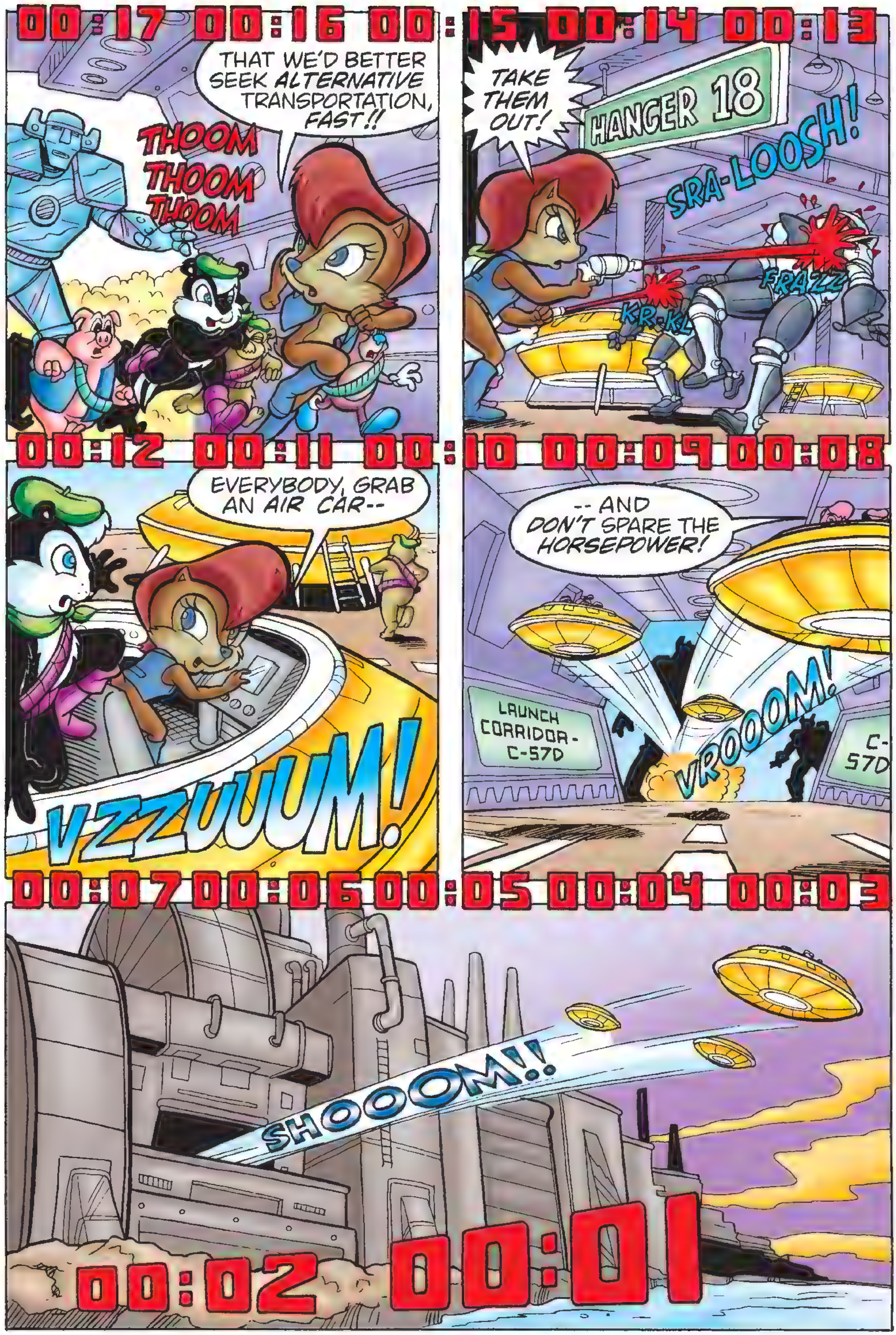
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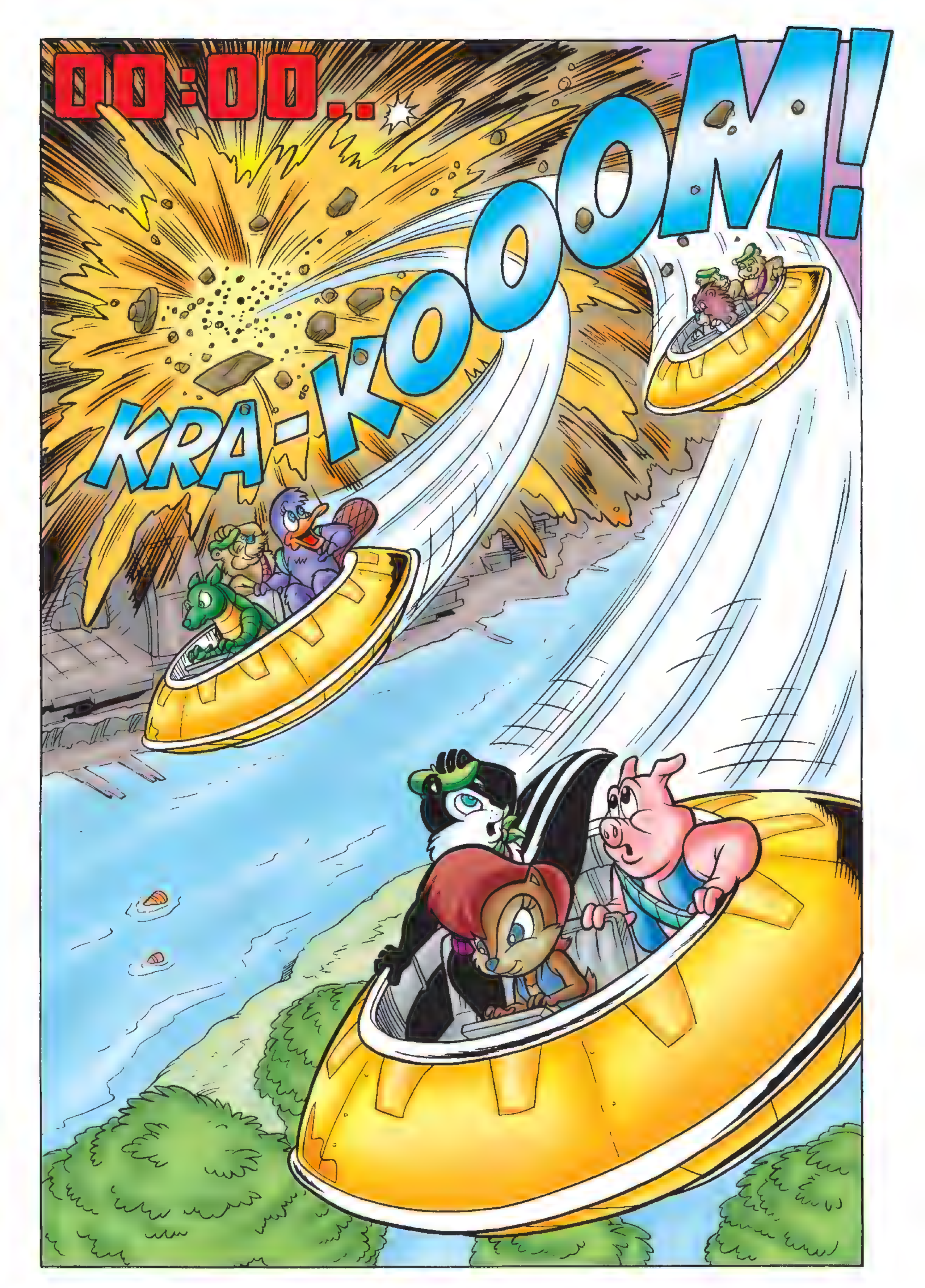
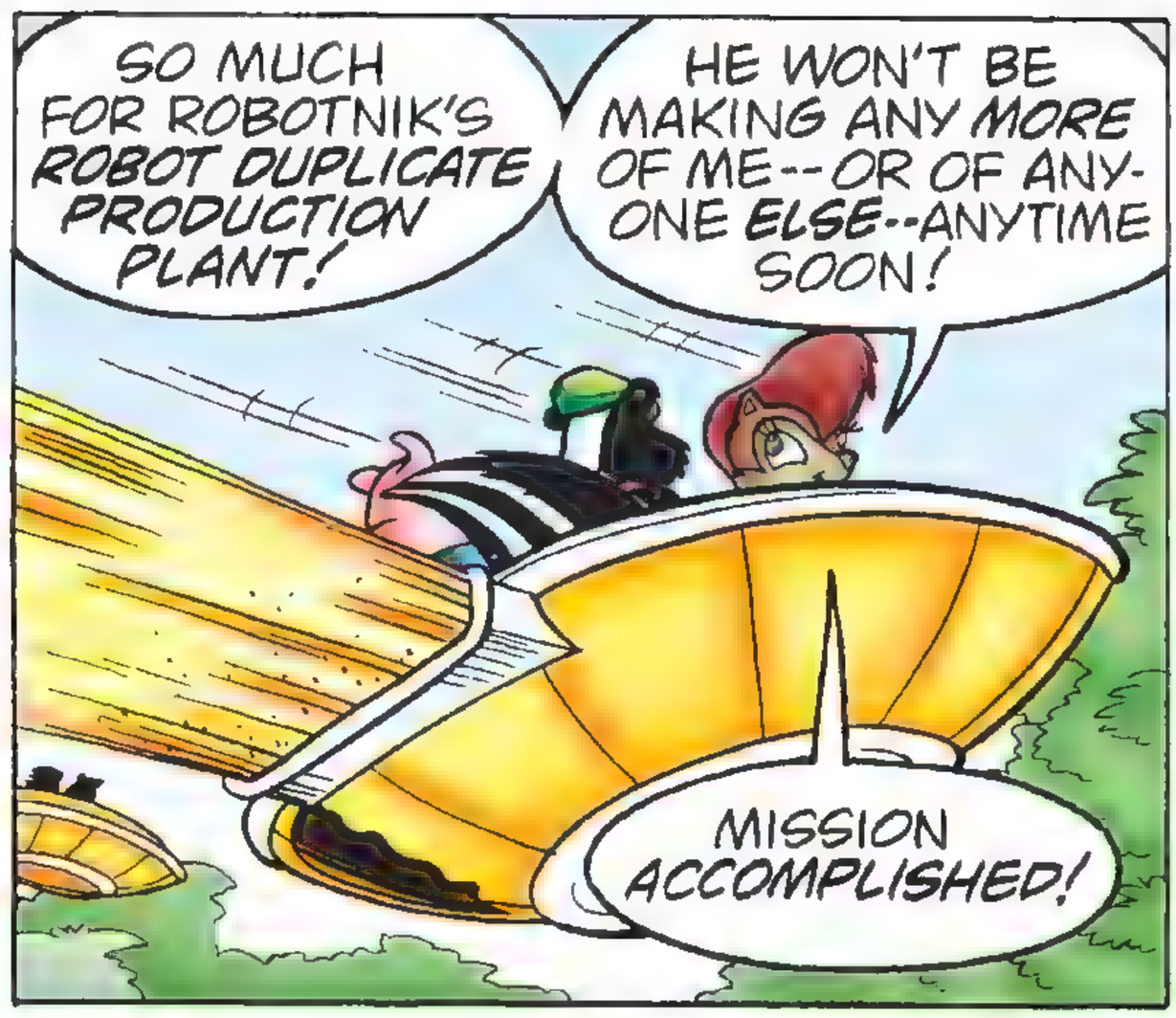
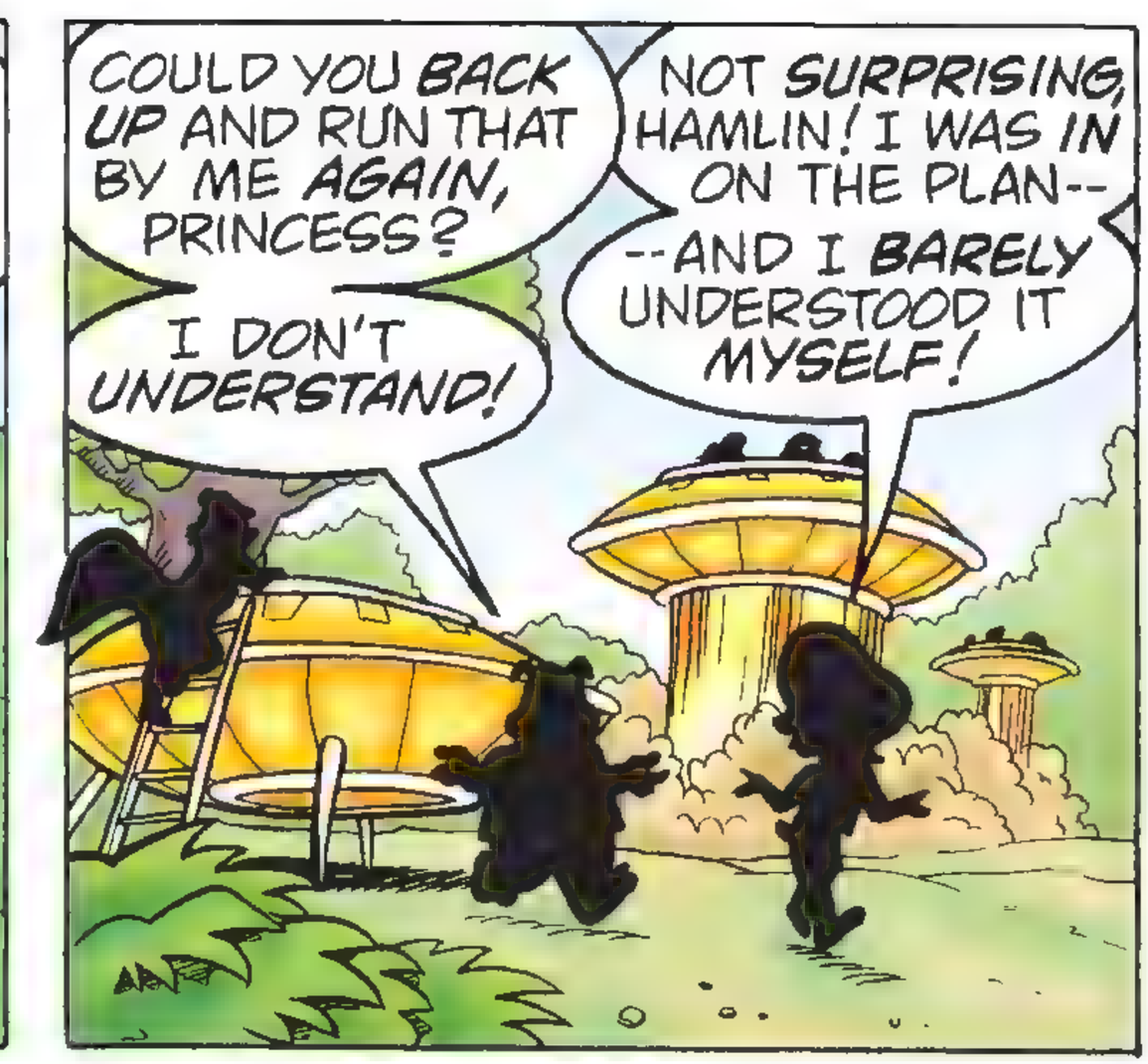
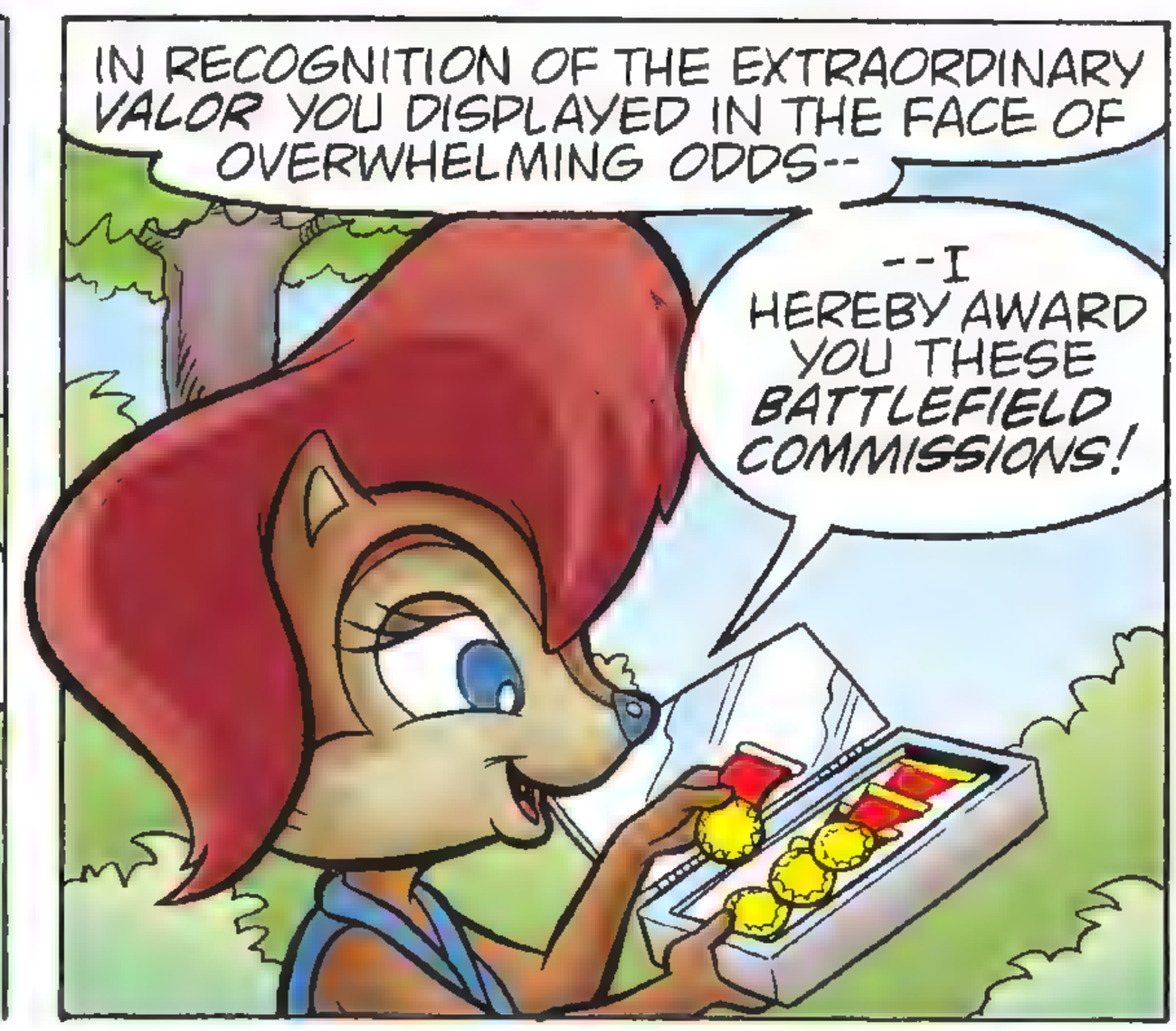
THAT WE'D BETTER SEEK ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, FAST!!
THOOM THOOM THOOM
TAKE THEM OUT!
HANGER 18
SRA-LOOSH!
FRAZZ
KR-KL
00:12 00:11 00:10 00:09 00:08
EVERYBODY, GRAB AN AIR CAR--
-- AND DON'T SPARE THE HORSEPOWER!
VZZUUUM!
LAUNCH CORRIDOR - C-57D
VROOOOM!
C-57D
00:07 00:06 00:05 00:04 00:03
SHOOOM!!
00:02 00:01


00:00...
KRA-KO
OOM!


SO MUCH FOR ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT DUPLICATE PRODUCTION PLANT!
HE WON'T BE MAKING ANY MORE OF ME--OR OF ANYONE ELSE--ANYTIME SOON!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!


COULD YOU BACK UP AND RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN, PRINCESS?
NOT SURPRISING, HAMLIN! I WAS IN ON THE PLAN--
--AND I BARELY UNDERSTOOD IT MYSELF!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

BUT FIRST--
--ONE FINAL BIT OF BUSINESS!


IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY VALOR YOU DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING ODDS--
--I HEREBY AWARD YOU THESE BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS!

FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU ARE FULL-FLEDGED FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES THE RANK ENTAILS!
CONGRATULATIONS!
WOW!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

THAT NIGHT--

SORRY I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE *FULL* STORY SOONER, BUT SECRECY WAS *CRITICAL!*

YOUR REACTIONS TO EVENTS HAD TO BE *AUTHENTIC*--

--OR ROBOTNIK MIGHT HAVE SUSPECTED OUR *PLAN!*

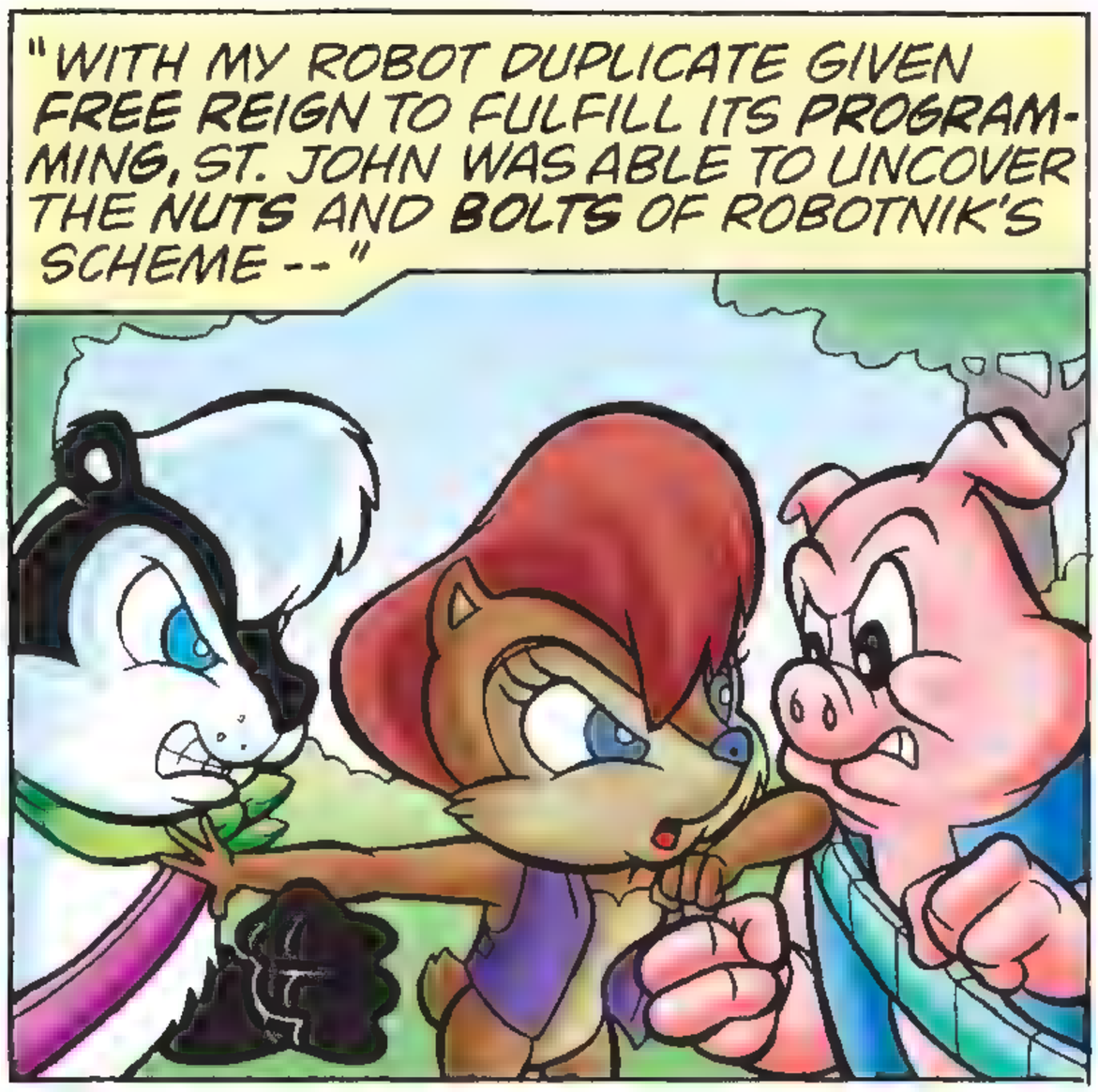
ROBOTNIK HAD CUT A DEAL WITH *ST. JOHN* TO *SWAP* ME FOR THAT *ROBOT DUPLICATE!*

"--BUT ST. JOHN'S TRUE LOYALTIES LAY WITH KING AND COUNTRY!"

"HE WAS A DOUBLE AGENT ALL ALONG!"

"AFTER GAINING MY *TRUST* BY REVEALING WHAT *HE* KNEW OF ROBOTNIK'S *MASTER PLAN*, WE TOOK STEPS TO THROW A MONKEY WRENCH INTO IT--

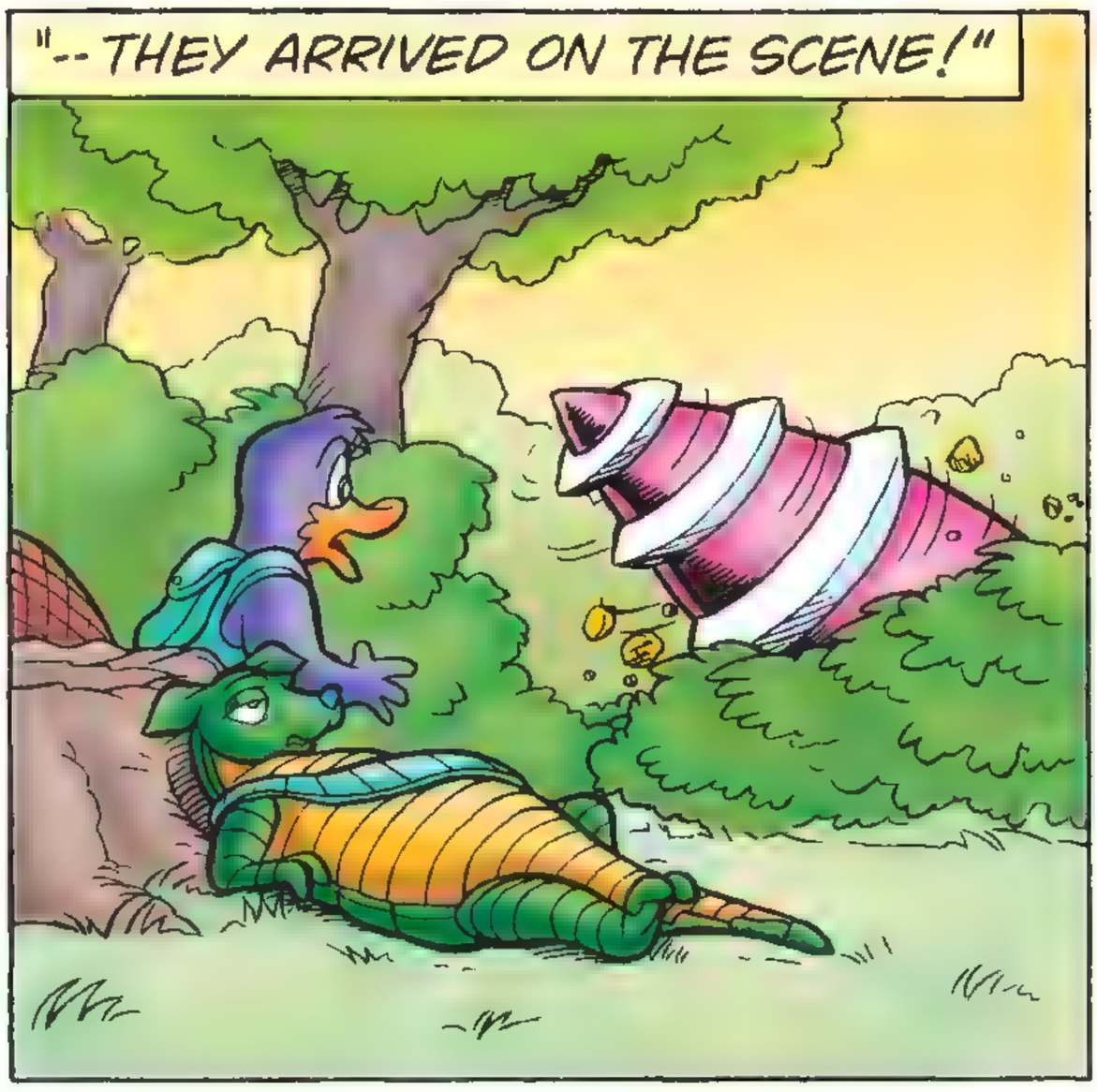
"--BY ACTIVATING THE ROBOT DUPLICATE PREMATURELY!"

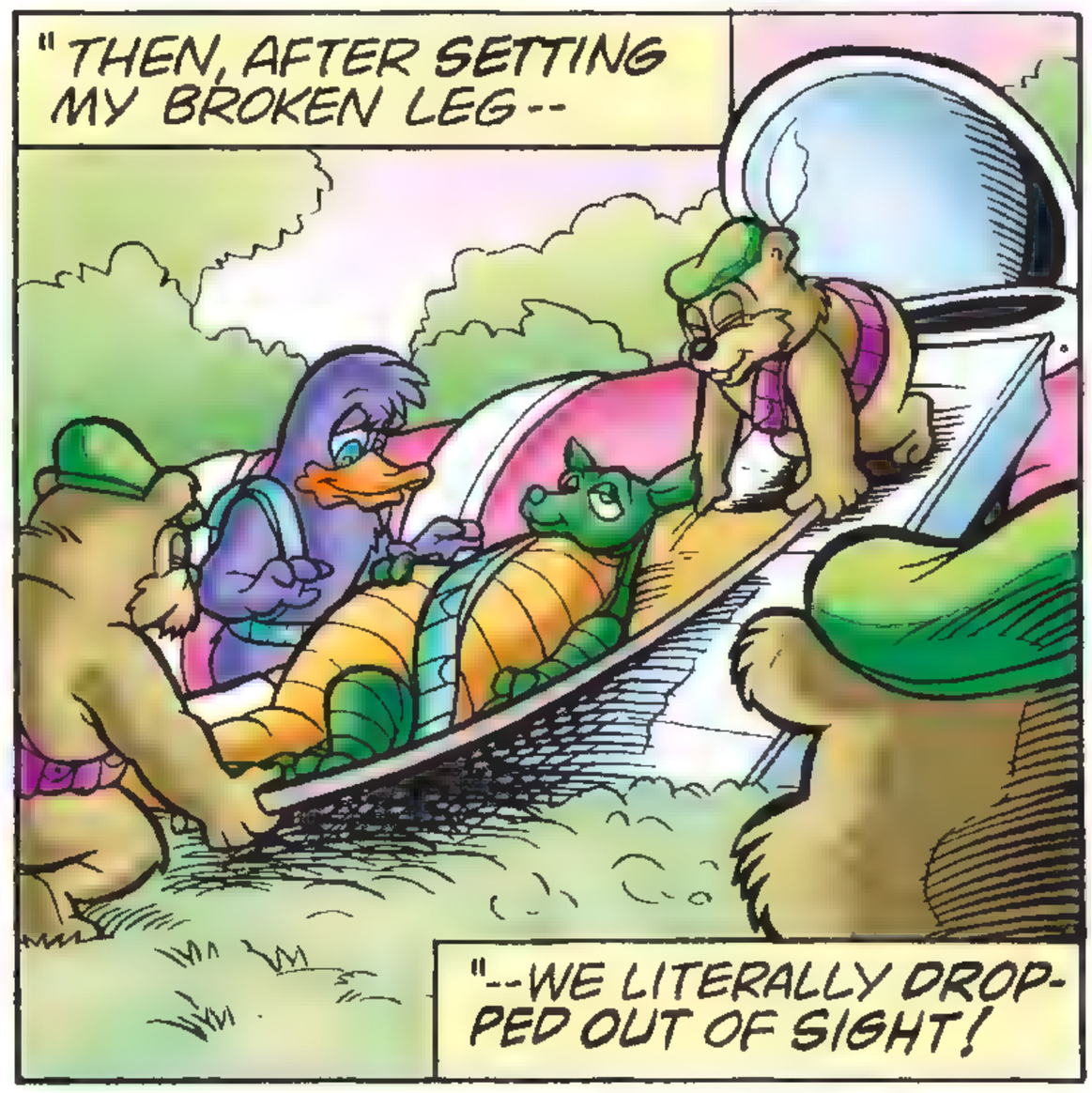

"WITH MY ROBOT DUPLICATE GIVEN FREE REIGN TO FULFILL ITS PROGRAMMING, ST. JOHN WAS ABLE TO UNCOVER THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF ROBOTNIK'S SCHEME --"

--INCLUDING THE ATTACKS ON THE NEXT TWO ENERGY SUBSTATIONS, WHICH WERE CLEVER DECOYS DEVISED TO TEST THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF HIS CREATION!"

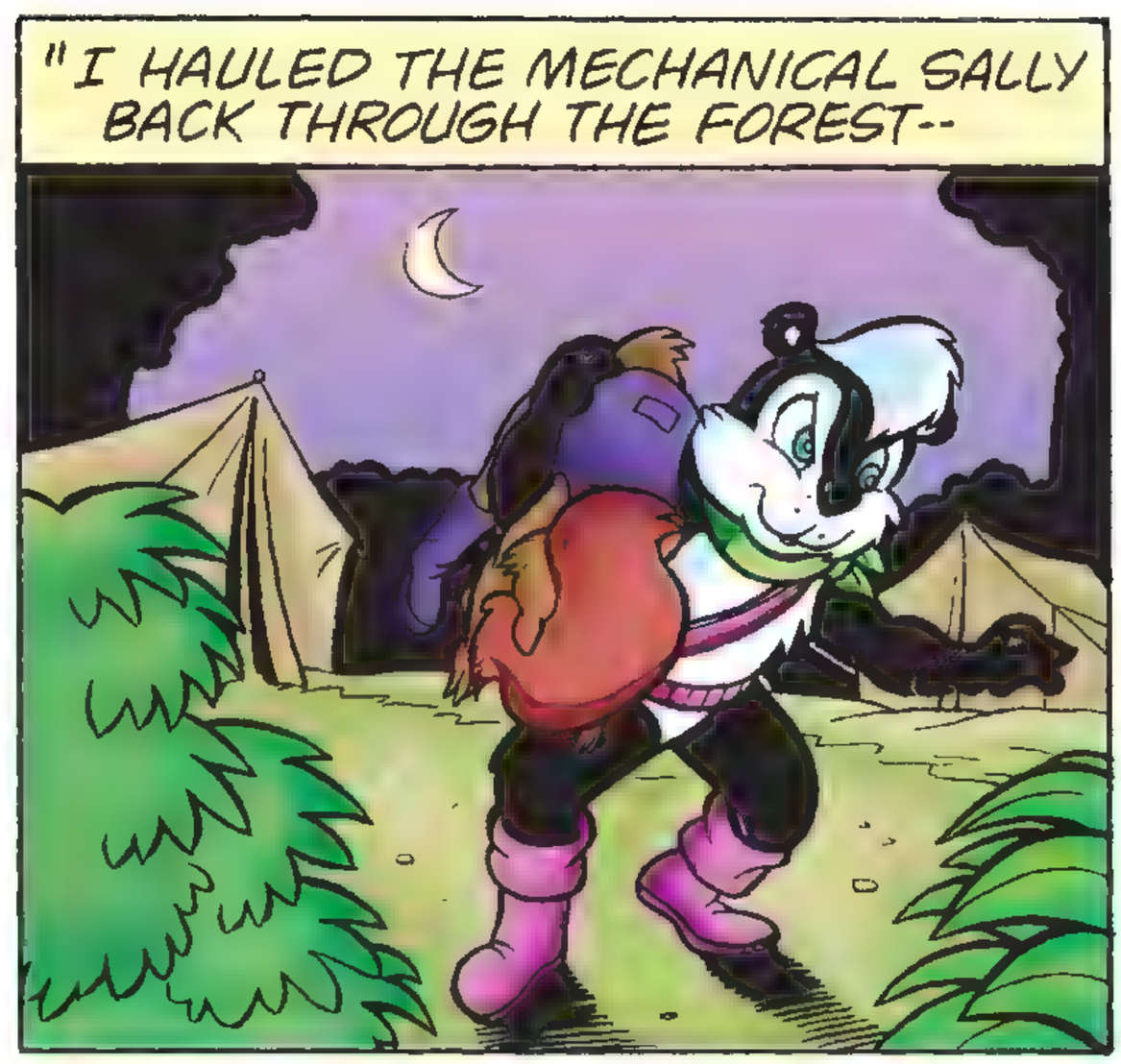
AND, JUST IN CASE ROBOTNIK HAD ANY OTHER SURPRISES IN STORE FOR US, WE HAD A SAFETY NET--
NAMELY, THE REBEL UNDERGROUND.

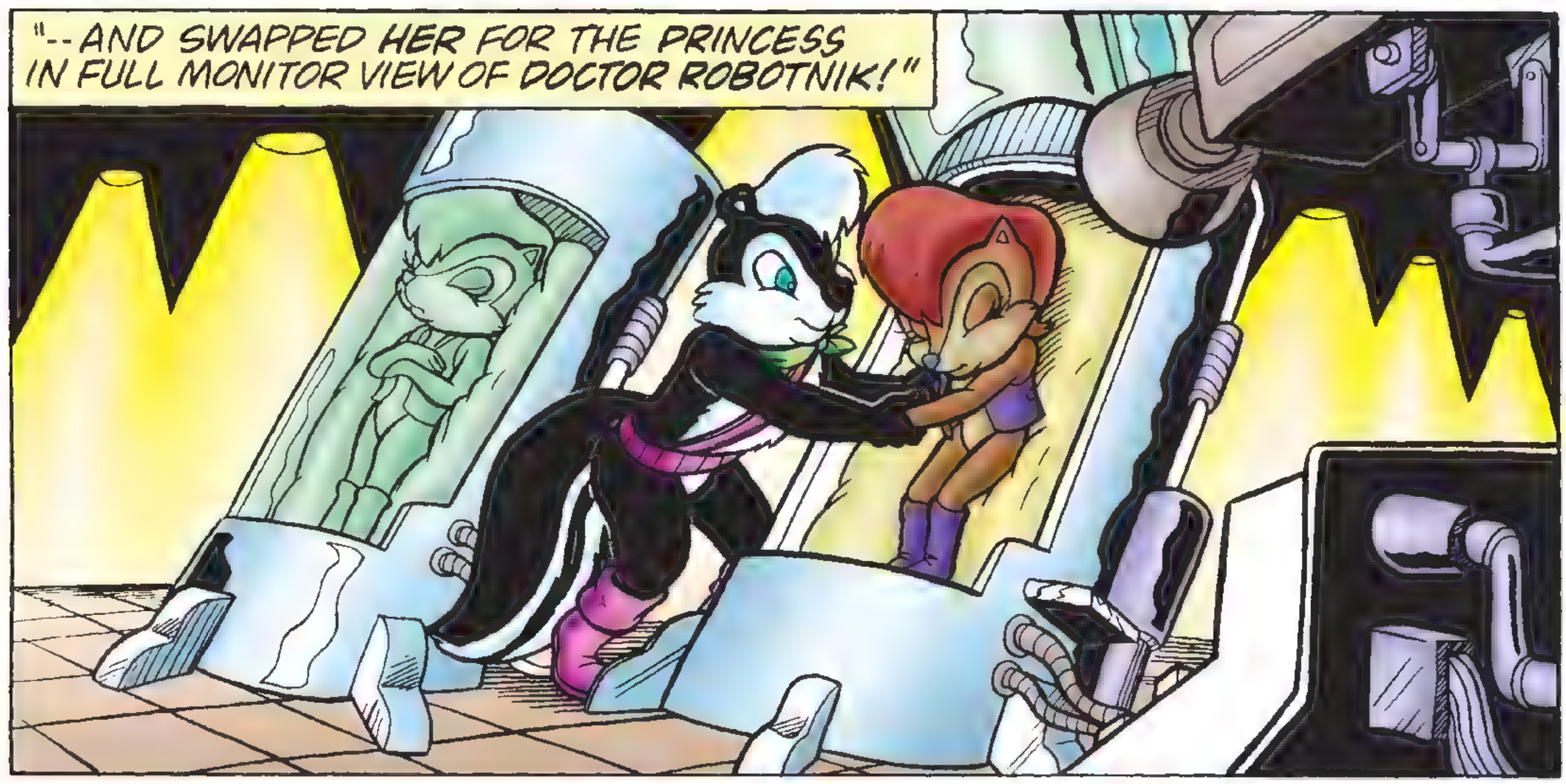
THAT'S HOW WE "DISAPPEARED" OFF THE ISLAND!
SHORTLY AFTER YOU LEFT--


"-- THEY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE!"

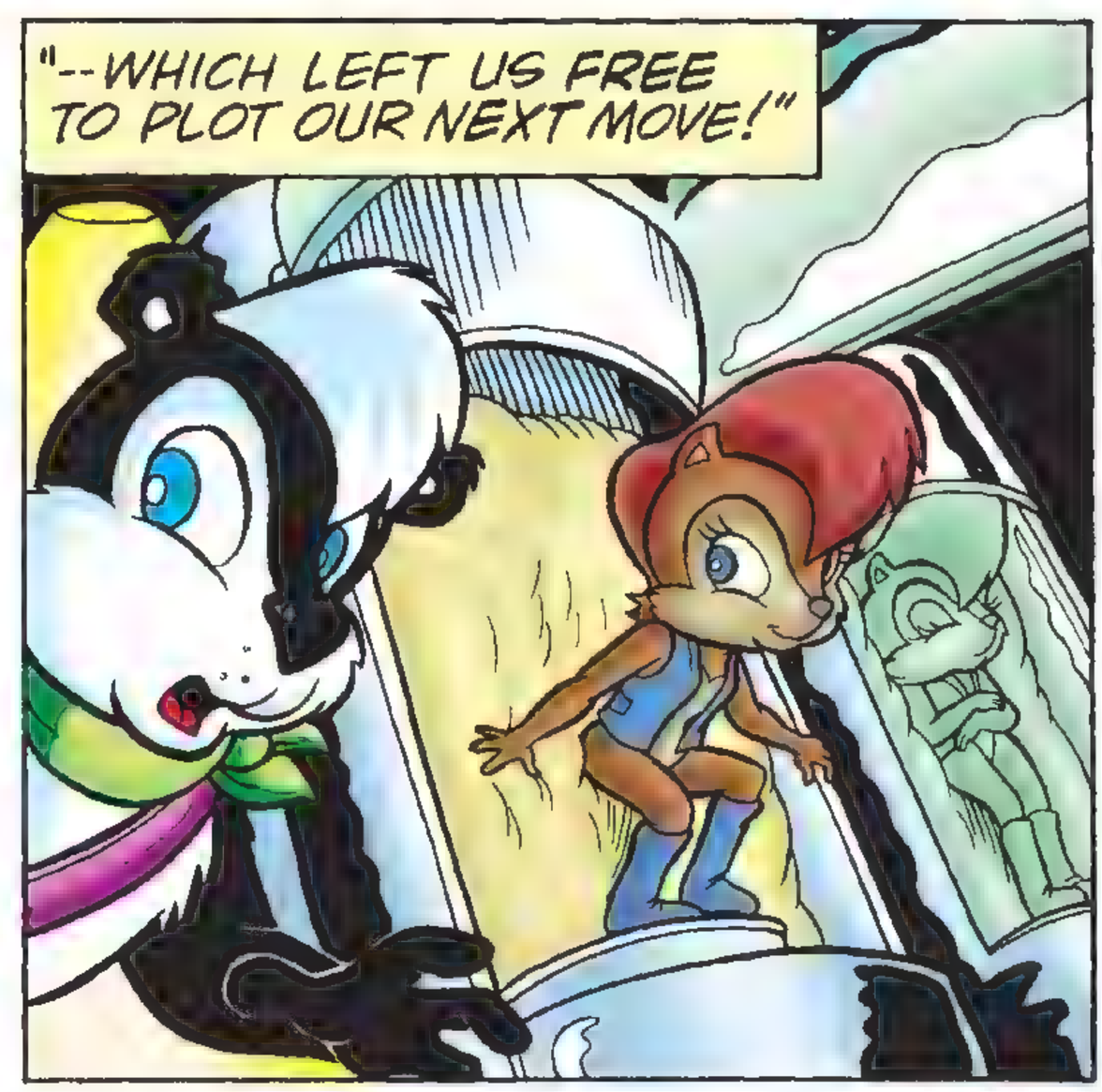

"THEN, AFTER SETTING MY BROKEN LEG--
"--WE LITERALLY DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT!

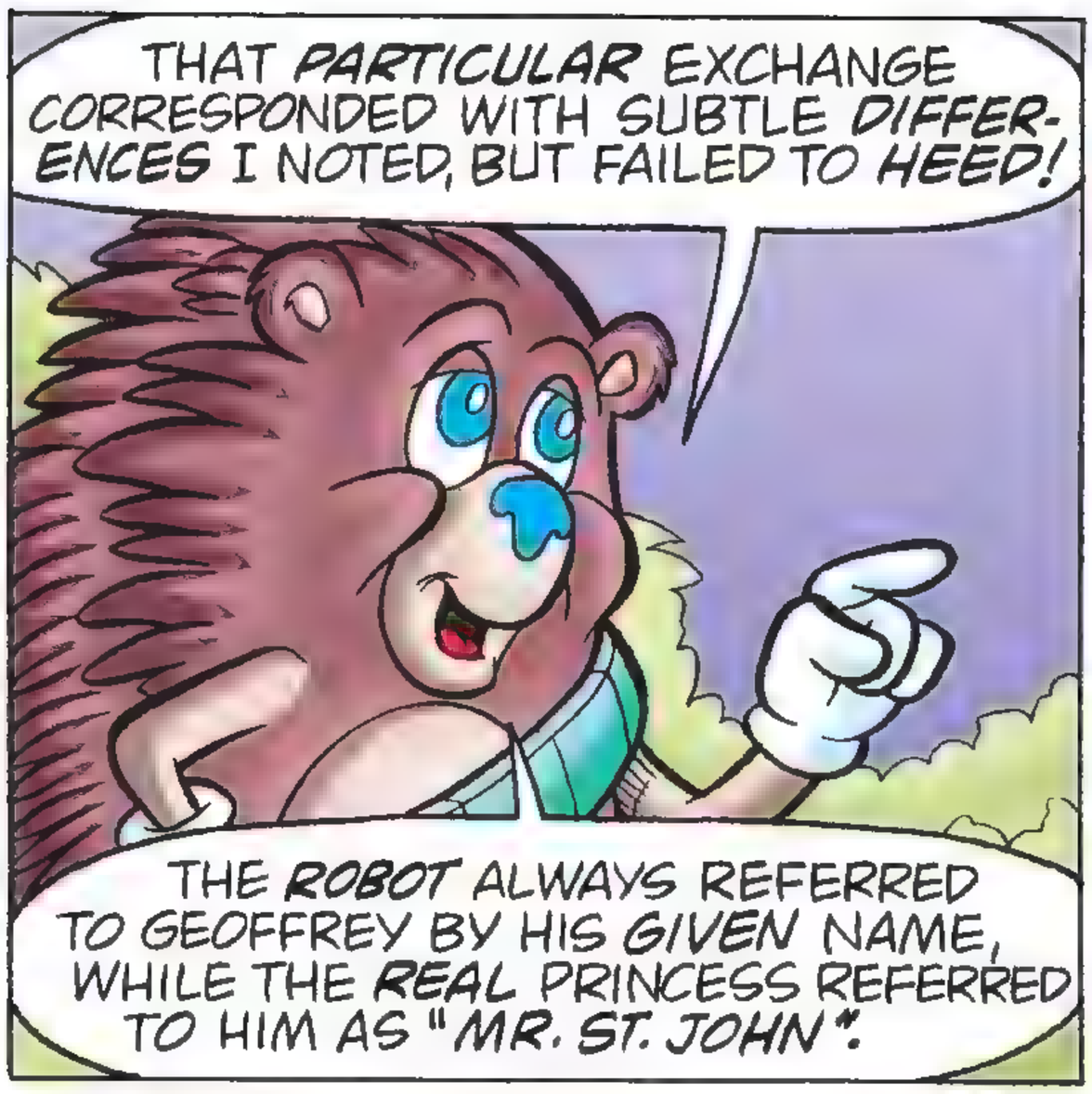
BY THAT POINT, I'D LEARNED WHAT WE NEEDED TO KNOW!
NEXT CAME THE TRICKY PART.

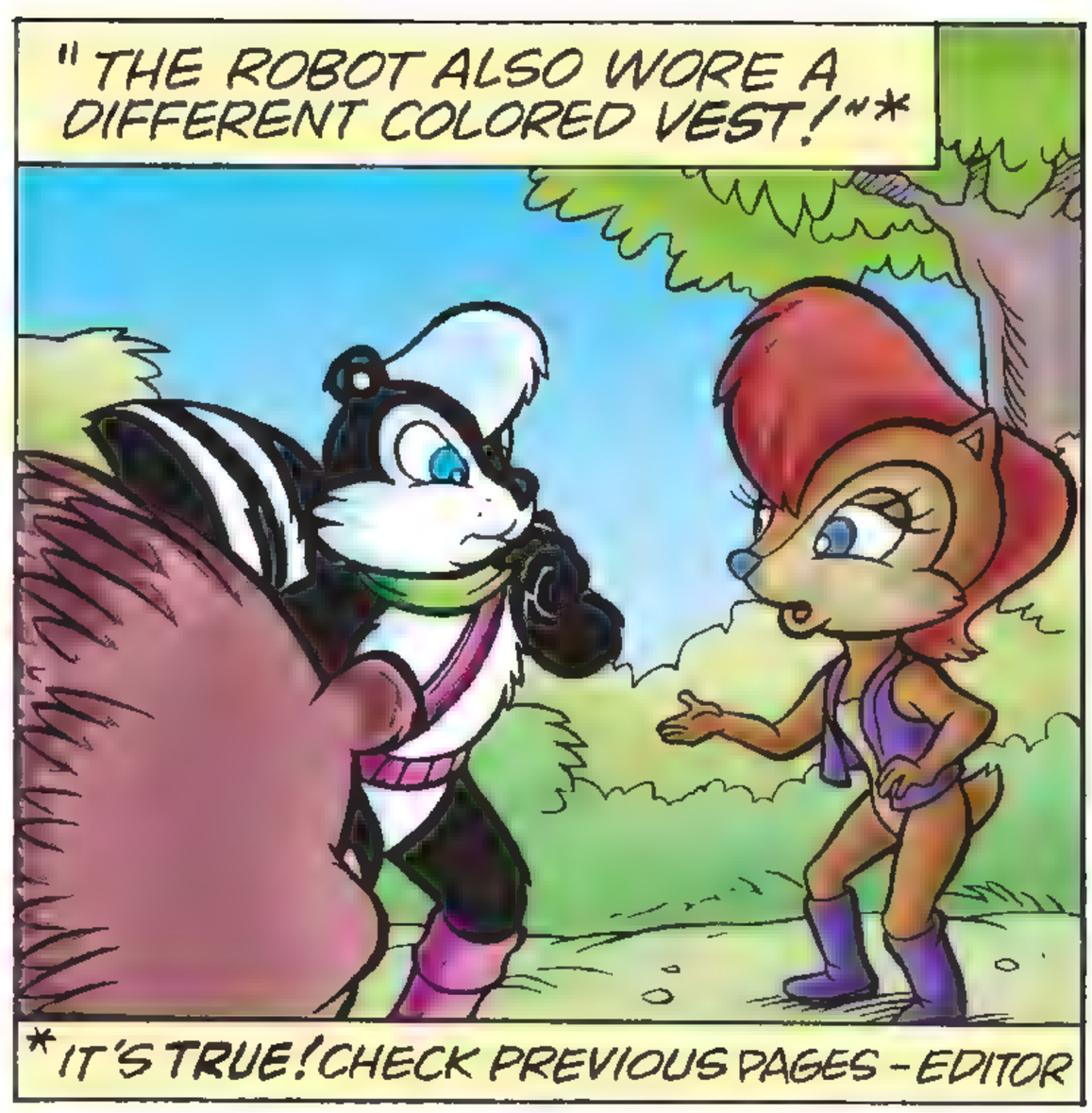

"I HAULED THE MECHANICAL SALLY BACK THROUGH THE FOREST--

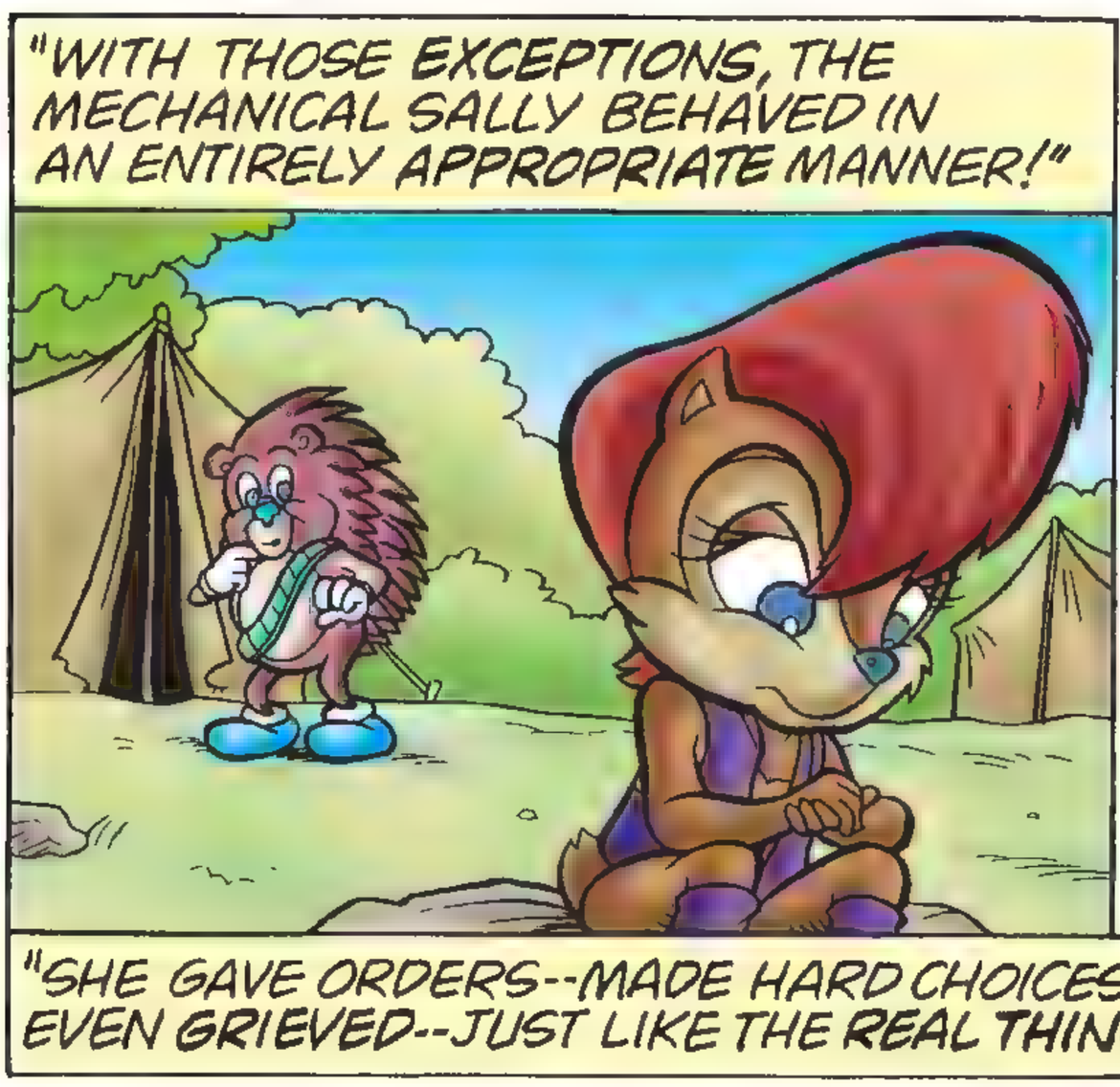

"--AND SWAPPED HER FOR THE PRINCESS IN FULL MONITOR VIEW OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!"

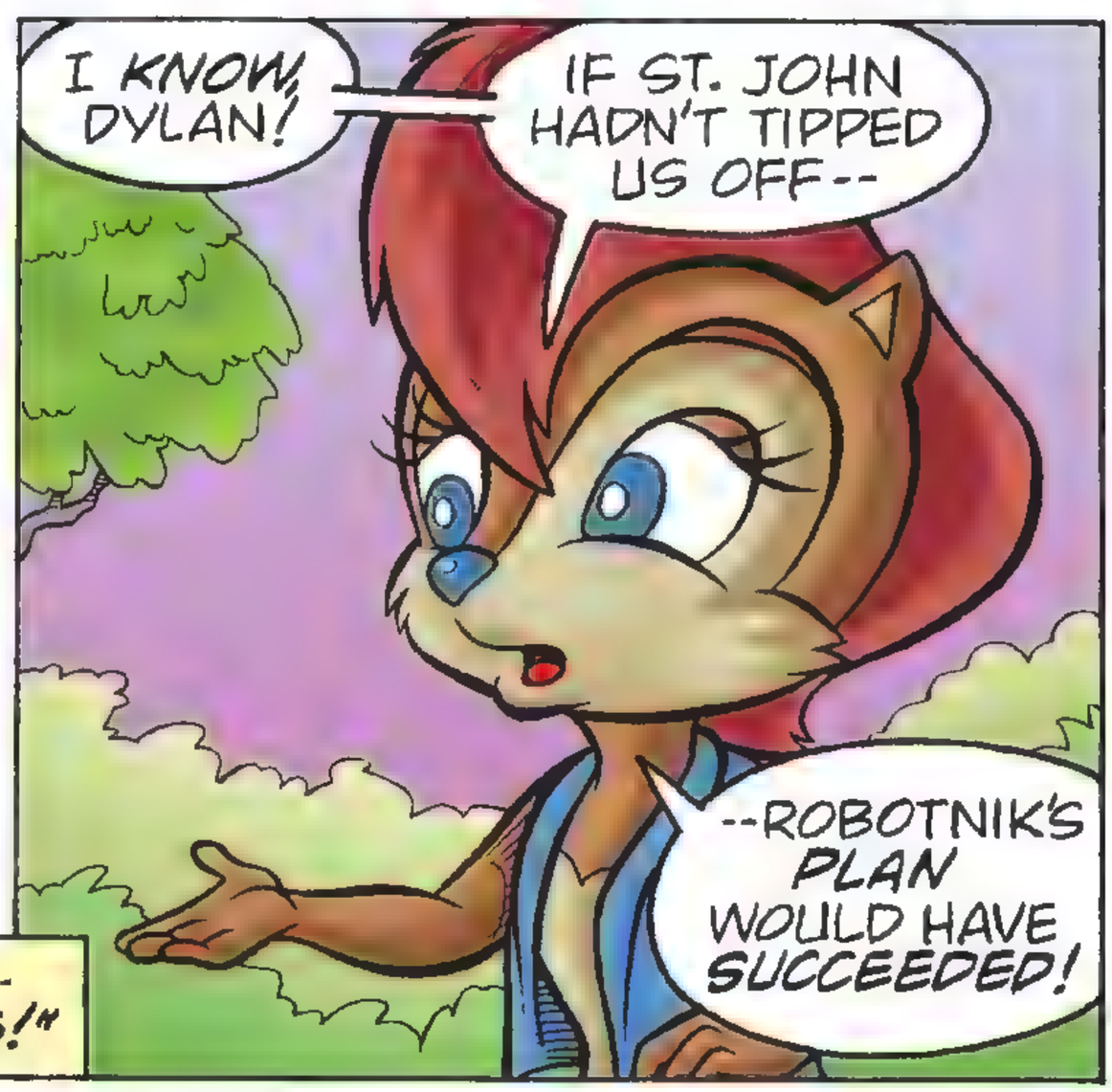
"SO FAR AS THE DOC WAS CONCERNED, THIS WAS THE FIRST -- AND ONLY -- SWITCHEROO --

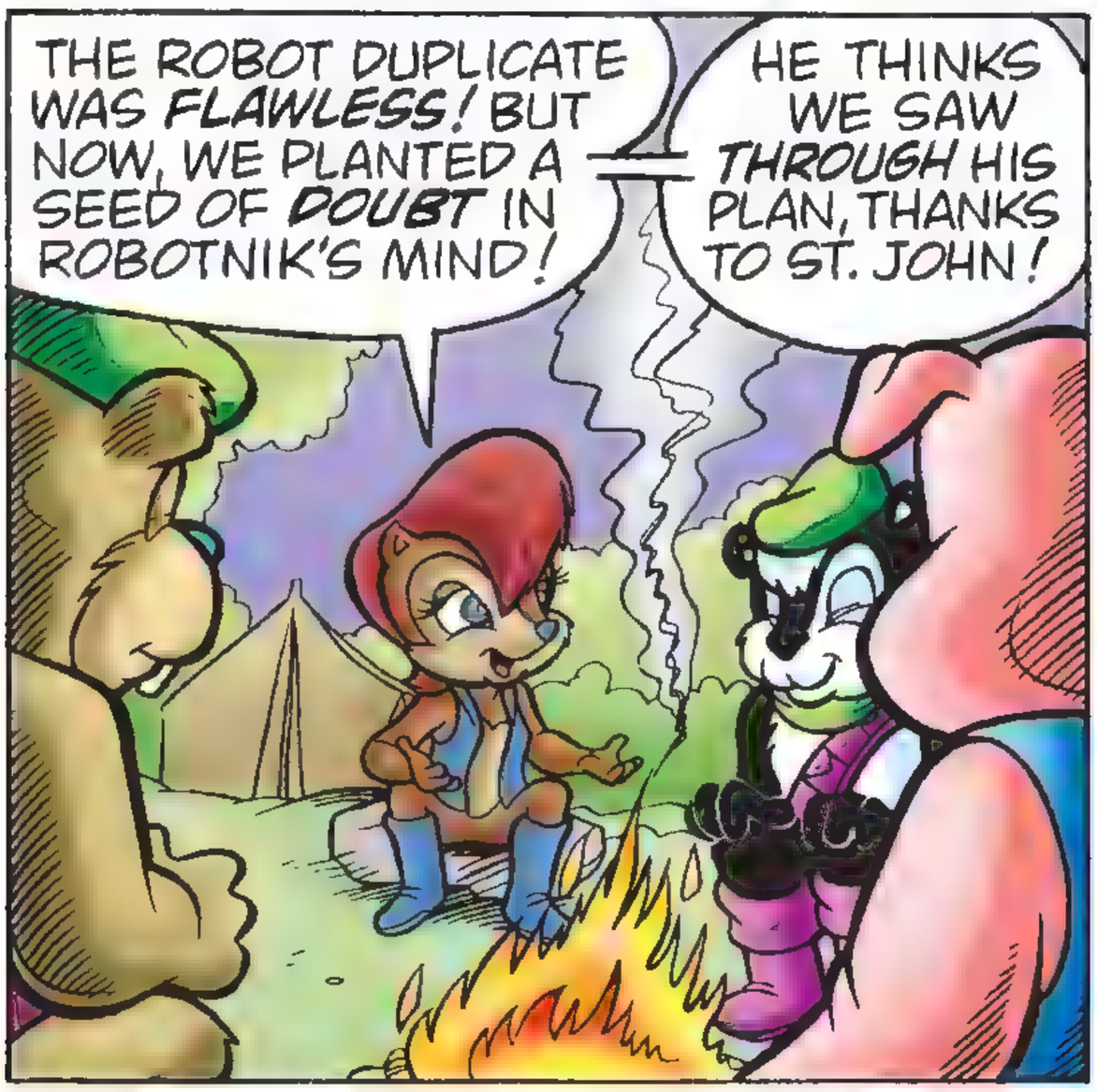

"--WHICH LEFT US FREE TO PLOT OUR NEXT MOVE!"


THAT PARTICULAR EXCHANGE CORRESPONDED WITH SUBTLE DIFFERENCES I NOTED, BUT FAILED TO HEED!
THE ROBOT ALWAYS REFERRED TO GEOFFREY BY HIS GIVEN NAME, WHILE THE REAL PRINCESS REFERRED TO HIM AS "MR. ST. JOHN".


"THE ROBOT ALSO WORE A DIFFERENT COLORED VEST!"*
*IT'S TRUE! CHECK PREVIOUS PAGES - EDITOR


"WITH THOSE EXCEPTIONS, THE MECHANICAL SALLY BEHAVED IN AN ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE MANNER!"
"SHE GAVE ORDERS--MADE HARD CHOICES--EVEN GRIEVED--JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!"


I KNOW, DYLAN!
IF ST. JOHN HADN'T TIPPED US OFF--
--ROBOTNIK'S PLAN WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED!


THE ROBOT DUPLICATE WAS FLAWLESS! BUT NOW, WE PLANTED A SEED OF DOUBT IN ROBOTNIK'S MIND!
HE THINKS WE SAW THROUGH HIS PLAN, THANKS TO ST. JOHN!

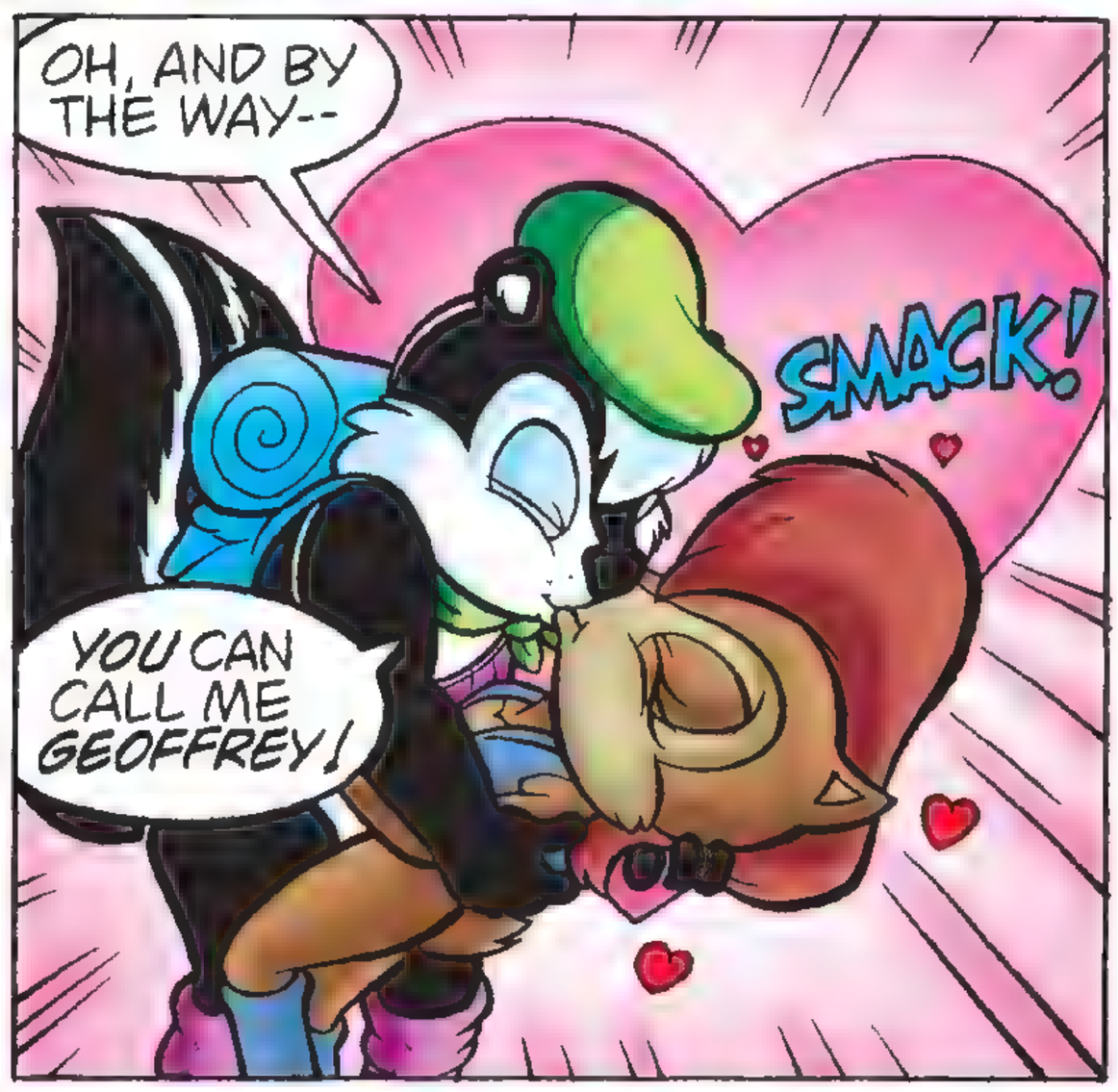
FOR ALL OF OUR SAKES--
--WE MUST PRAY HE NEVER DISCOVERS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH!

THE NEXT MORNING...

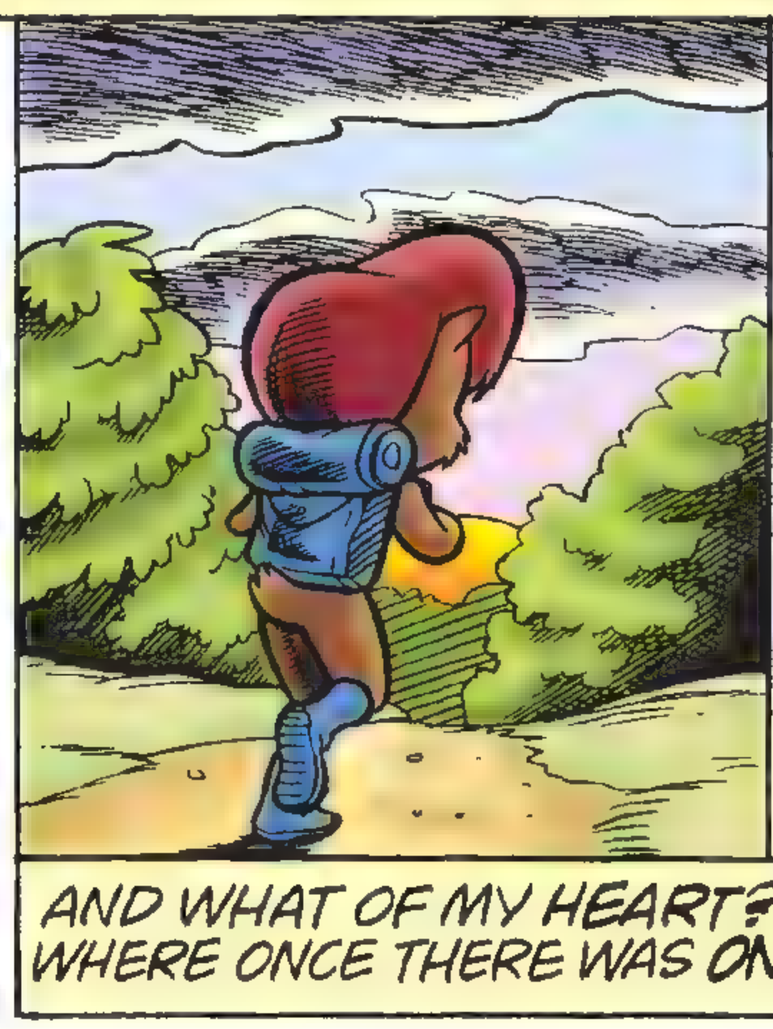
I REALLY WISH YOU'D RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION, MISTER ST. JOHN!

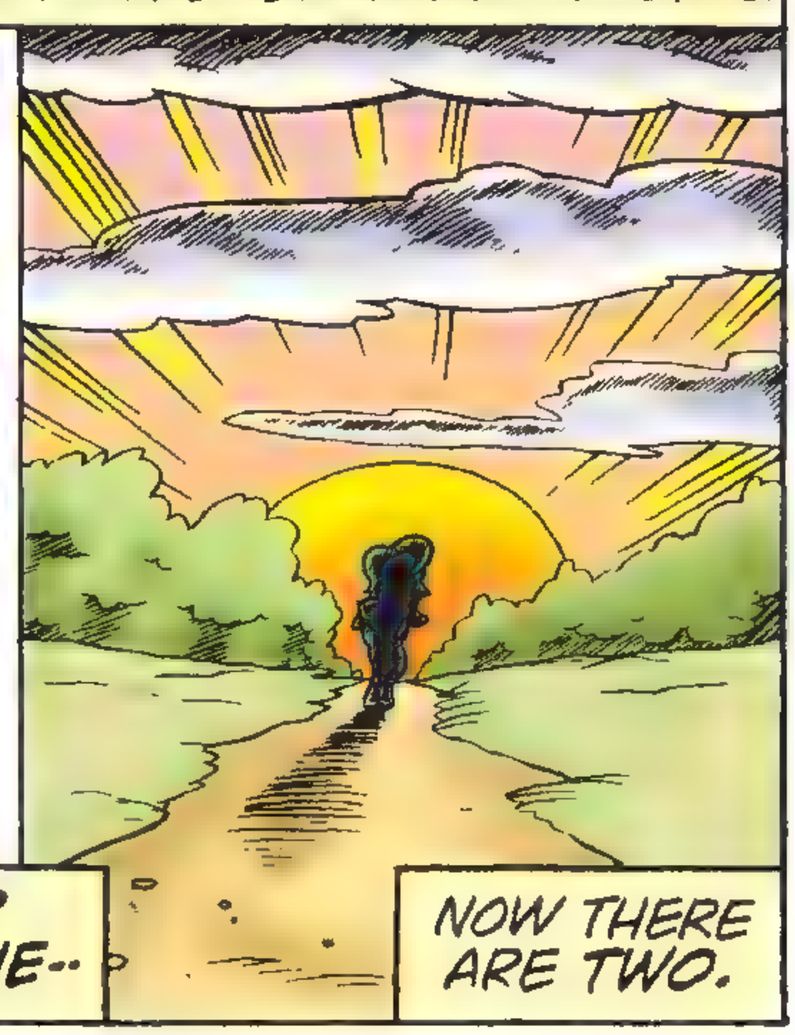
COME BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WITH US. THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR SOMEONE OF YOUR CALIBRE.

I KNOW, LUV. BUT THE REBEL UNDERGROUND NEEDS ME, TOO--



WE LEFT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE SOON THEREAFTER, THOUGH ROBOTNIK HAD NOT BEEN VANQUISHED. HE HAD BEEN DETERRED, WHICH MEANT MY OBLIGATIONS AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER MORE PERSONAL CONCERNS.





Princess Sally

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #0

Abilities:
Agility – Able to perform gymnastic moves beyond average.
Versatility – Trained in combat, survival, diplomacy, computer skills.
Tactical skills – An accomplished and resourceful field leader.

Sally Alicia Acorn was born during the **Great War**. She was raised as an only child to the "widower" **King Maximillian Acorn** and wouldn't know the fate of her mother and older brother until years later. Sally was also raised and tutored by her royal mentor, **Julayla Chipmunk**, and royal nursemaid, **Rosie Woodchuck**.

After **Dr. Robotnik's** takeover, the young Sally dedicated herself to the rescue of her father and her kingdom. Inspired by the **Original Freedom Fighters**, Sally rallied her own band of friends and led them in raids against **Robotropolis**. Despite her youth, Sally showed an uncanny ability to lead, strategize, and hold her ragtag team of would-be heroes together. Late in the **First Robotnik War**, Sally discovered a mysterious handheld device. The A.I. running it identified itself as **Nicole** and would become Sally's mentor and friend after the passing of Julayla. As Sally led the **Freedom Fighters** to victory in the battle against Dr. Robotnik, she regained her family but faced a great deal of personal hardship. Her life of guerrilla warfare conflicted with the formalities of royalty. Torn between the life she had and the one she thought she wanted, Sally's spirit was strained. The final blow came when her first love, **Sonic the Hedgehog**, appeared to first give his life for **Mobius** and then return from the dead. At her most confused, she broke up with Sonic to prevent further heartbreak for herself.

Eventually she recovered to her old self, chose her role as the team's field leader and repaired her damaged friendships. Just as life returned to normal, Sally barely skirted death after the effects of the **Genesis Wave**. She used her second chance at life to sabotage the **Death Egg II's World Roboticizer**. Her sacrifice saved Mobius, but turned her into one of **Dr. Eggman's** robot minions.

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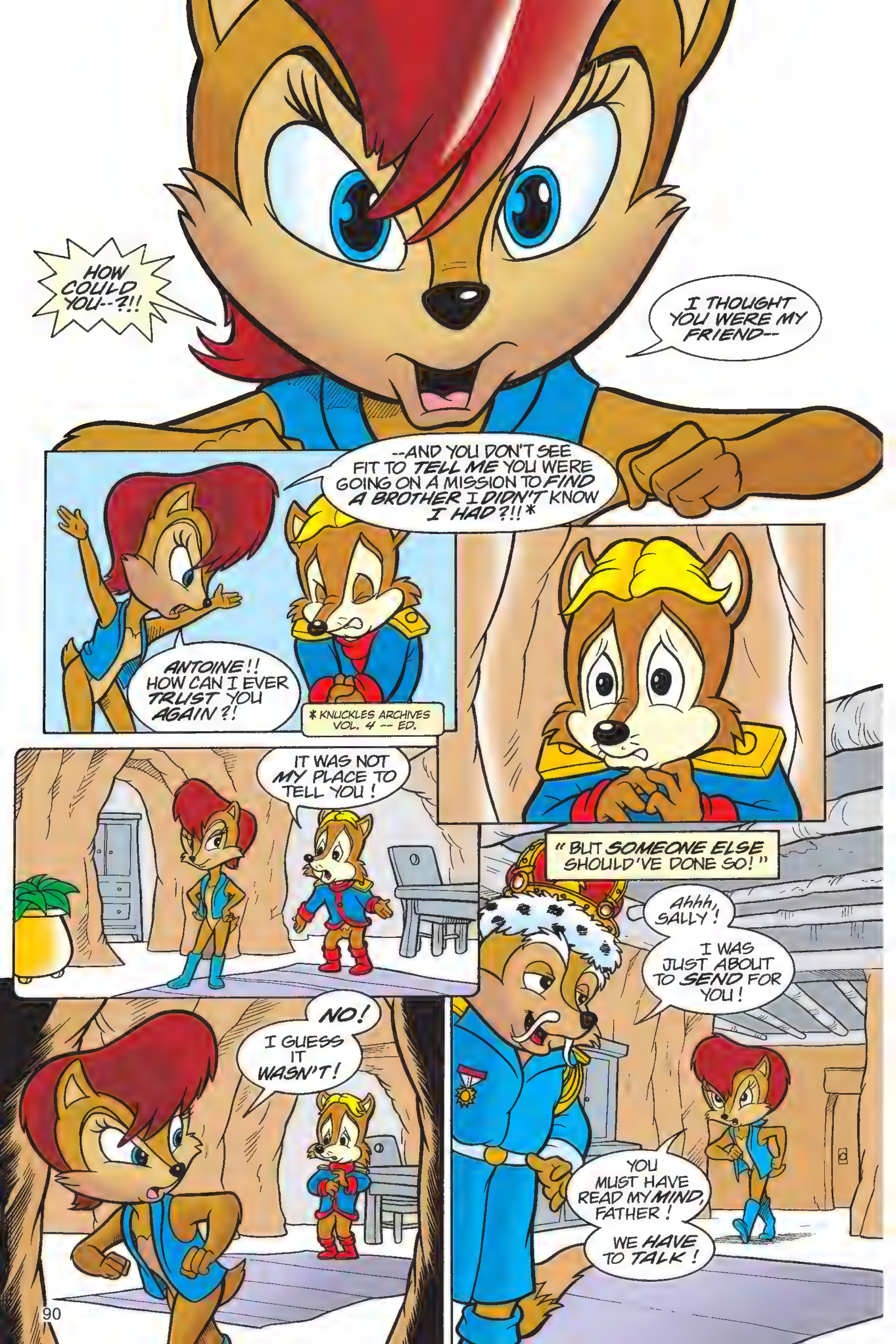
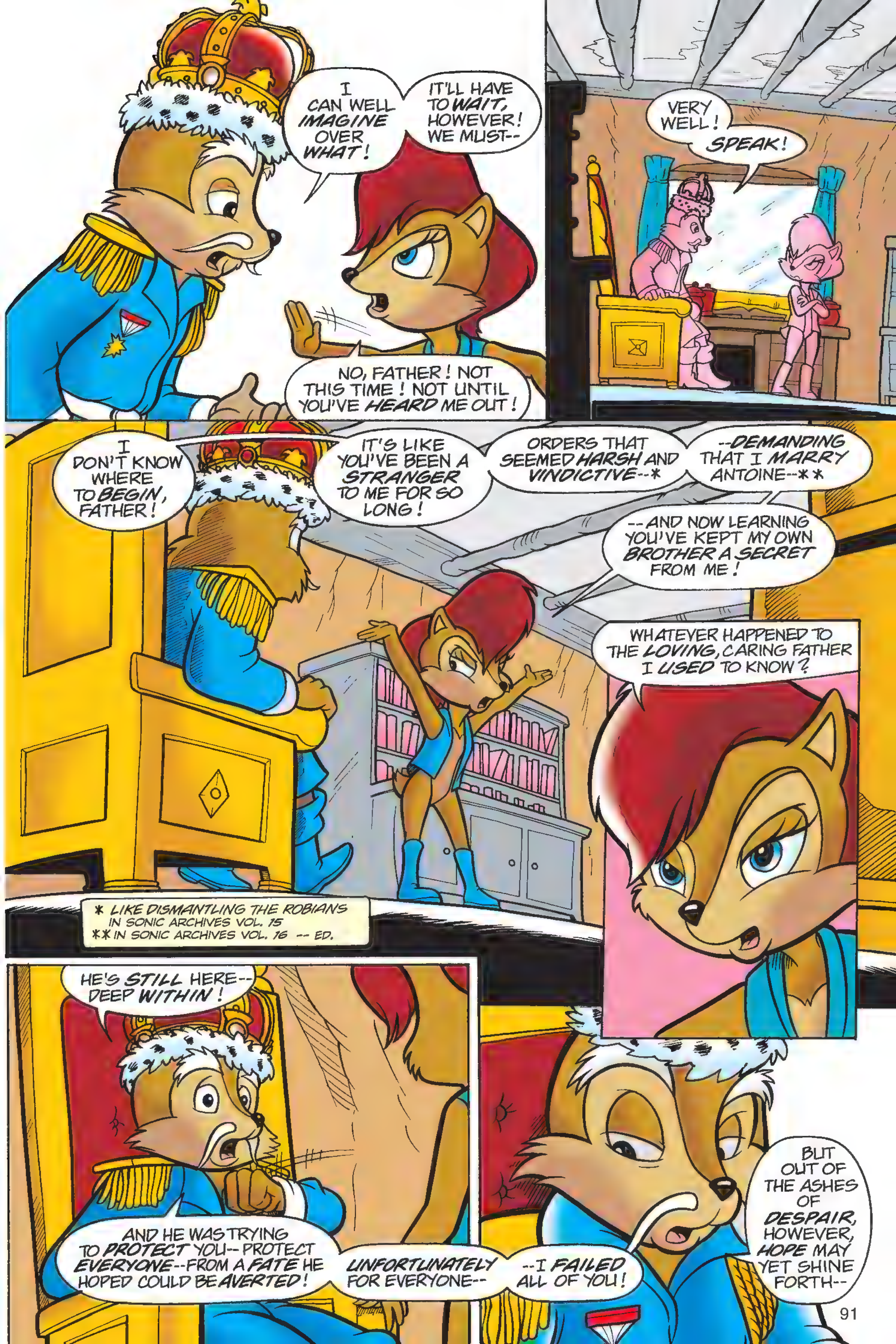
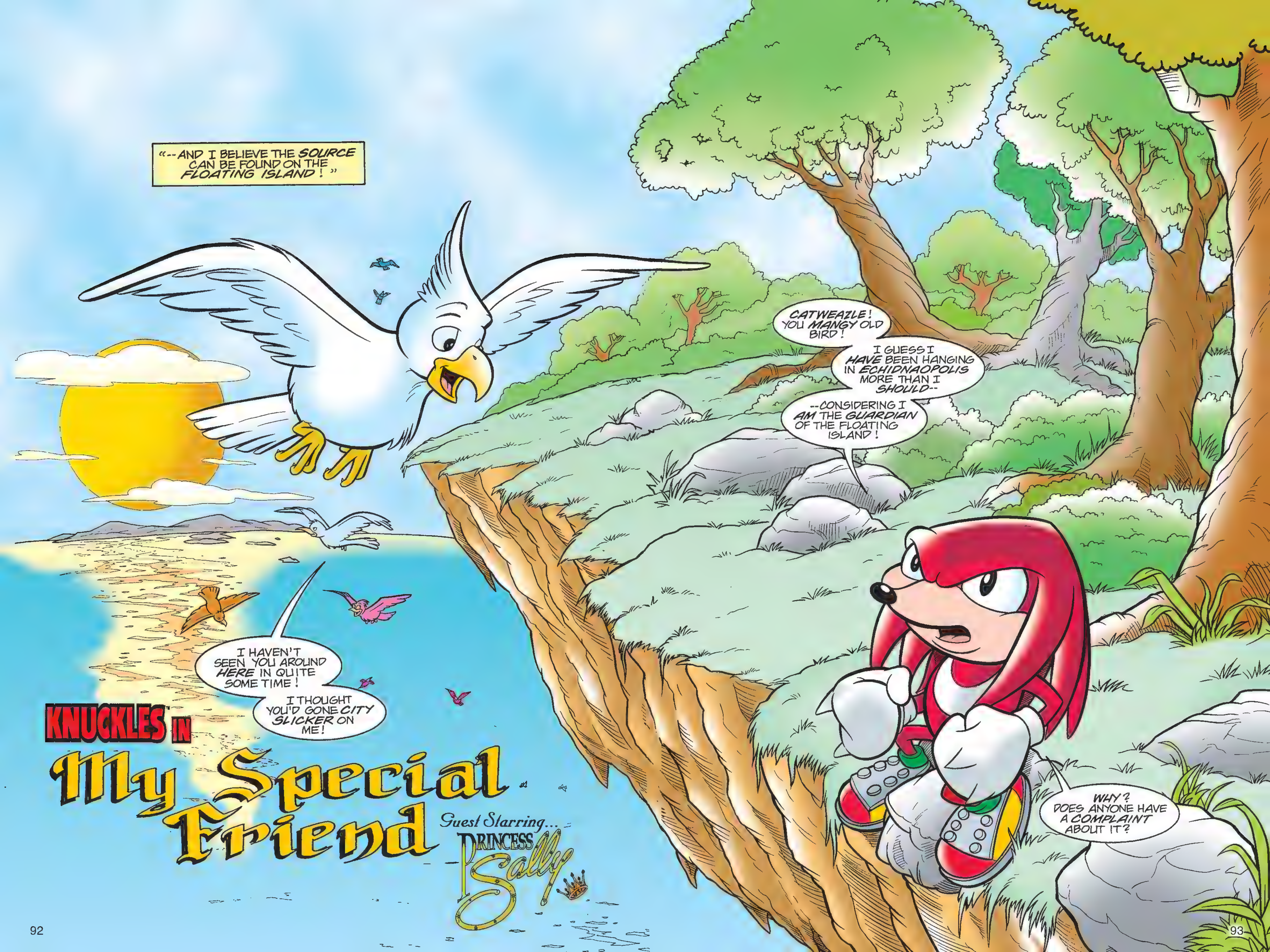
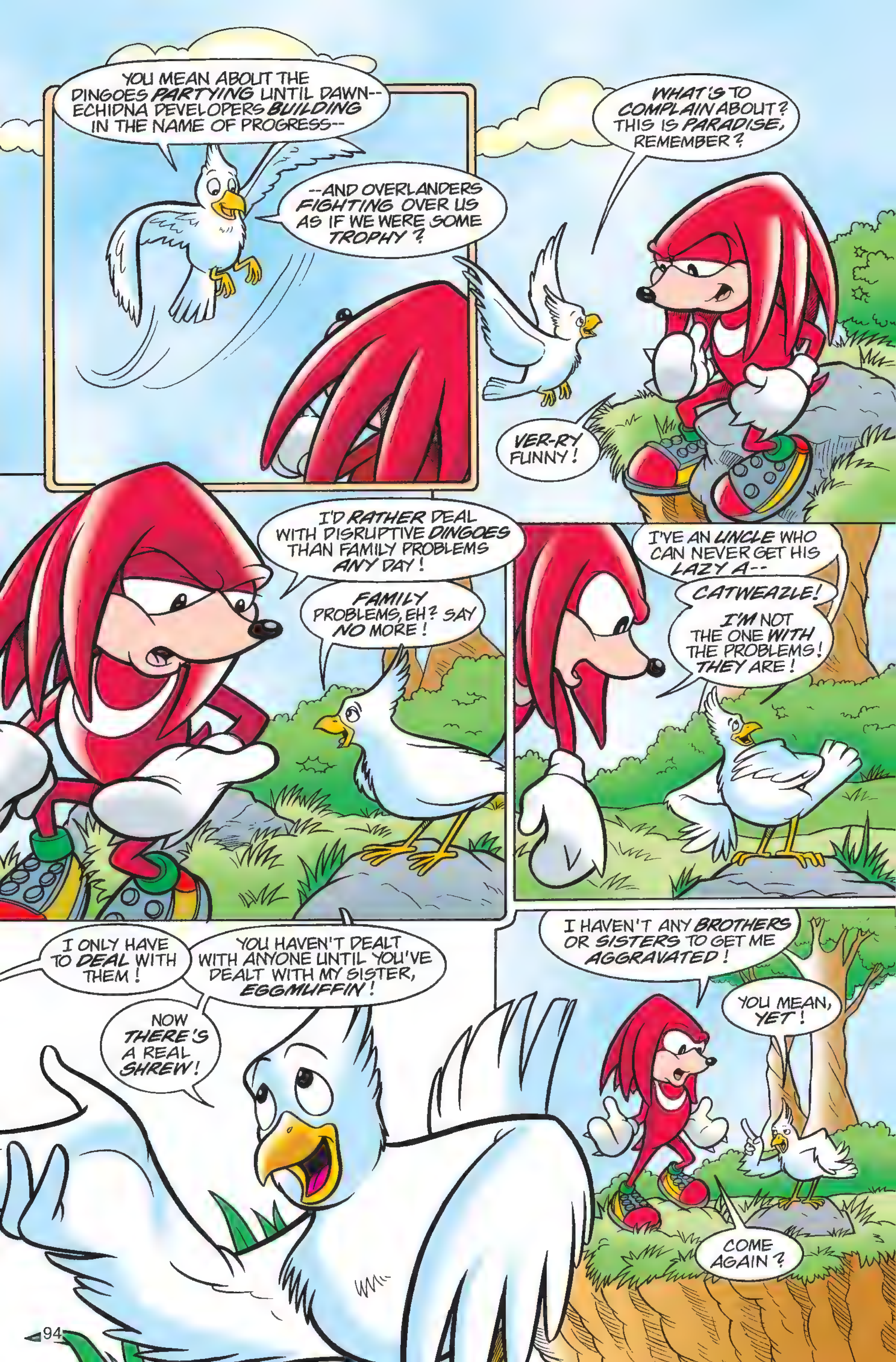
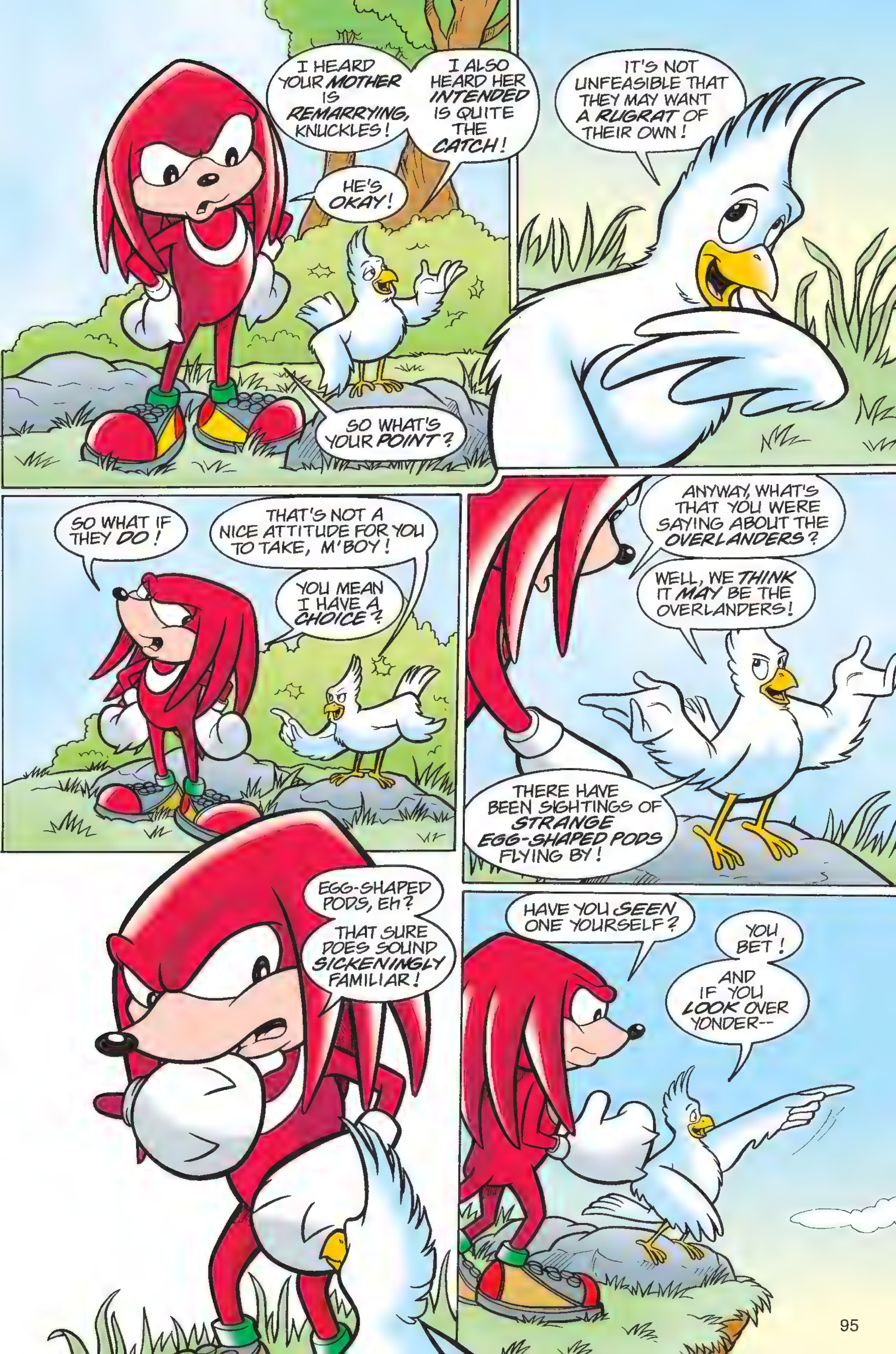

HOW COULD YOU--?!!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY FRIEND--
--AND YOU DON'T SEE FIT TO TELL ME YOU WERE GOING ON A MISSION TO FIND A BROTHER I DIDN'T KNOW I HAD?!!*
ANTOINE!! HOW CAN I EVER TRUST YOU AGAIN?!
* KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4 -- ED.
IT WAS NOT MY PLACE TO TELL YOU!
"BUT SOMEONE ELSE SHOULD'VE DONE SO!"
Ahhh, SALLY!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SEND FOR YOU!
NO!
I GUESS IT WASN'T!
YOU MUST HAVE READ MY MIND, FATHER!
WE HAVE TO TALK!


I CAN WELL IMAGINE OVER WHAT!
IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT, HOWEVER! WE MUST--
NO, FATHER! NOT THIS TIME! NOT UNTIL YOU'VE HEARD ME OUT!
VERY WELL! SPEAK!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN, FATHER!
IT'S LIKE YOU'VE BEEN A STRANGER TO ME FOR SO LONG!
ORDERS THAT SEEMED HARSH AND VINDICTIVE--*
--DEMANDING THAT I MARRY ANTOINE--**
--AND NOW LEARNING YOU'VE KEPT MY OWN BROTHER A SECRET FROM ME!
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE LOVING, CARING FATHER I USED TO KNOW?
* LIKE DISMANTLING THE ROBIANS IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 15
** IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 -- ED.
HE'S STILL HERE-- DEEP WITHIN!
AND HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT YOU-- PROTECT EVERYONE--FROM A FATE HE HOPED COULD BE AVERTED!
UNFORTUNATELY FOR EVERYONE--
--I FAILED ALL OF YOU!
BUT OUT OF THE ASHES OF DESPAIR, HOWEVER, HOPE MAY YET SHINE FORTH--


"--AND I BELIEVE THE SOURCE CAN BE FOUND ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!"
CATWEAZLE! YOU MANGY OLD BIRD!
I GUESS I HAVE BEEN HANGING IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS MORE THAN I SHOULD--
--CONSIDERING I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE IN QUITE SOME TIME!
I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE CITY SLICKER ON ME!
WHY? DOES ANYONE HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT IT?
KNUCKLES IN
My Special Friend
Guest Starring... PRINCESS Sally


YOU MEAN ABOUT THE DINGOES PARTYING UNTIL DAWN-- ECHIDNA DEVELOPERS BUILDING IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS--
--AND OVERLANDERS FIGHTING OVER US AS IF WE WERE SOME TROPHY?
WHAT'S TO COMPLAIN ABOUT? THIS IS PARADISE, REMEMBER?
VER-RY FUNNY!
I'D RATHER DEAL WITH DISRUPTIVE DINGOES THAN FAMILY PROBLEMS ANY DAY!
FAMILY PROBLEMS, EH? SAY NO MORE!
I'VE AN UNCLE WHO CAN NEVER GET HIS LAZY A--
CATWEAZLE!
I'M NOT THE ONE WITH THE PROBLEMS! THEY ARE!
I ONLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM!
YOU HAVEN'T DEALT WITH ANYONE UNTIL YOU'VE DEALT WITH MY SISTER, EGGMUFFIN!
NOW THERE'S A REAL SHREW!
I HAVEN'T ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS TO GET ME AGGRAVATED!
YOU MEAN, YET!
COME AGAIN?


I HEARD YOUR MOTHER IS REMARRYING, KNUCKLES!
I ALSO HEARD HER INTENDED IS QUITE THE CATCH!
HE'S OKAY!
SO WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
IT'S NOT UNFEASIBLE THAT THEY MAY WANT A RUGRAT OF THEIR OWN!
SO WHAT IF THEY DO!
THAT'S NOT A NICE ATTITUDE FOR YOU TO TAKE, M'BOY!
YOU MEAN I HAVE A CHOICE?
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THAT YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT THE OVERLANDERS?
WELL, WE THINK IT MAY BE THE OVERLANDERS!
THERE HAVE BEEN SIGHTINGS OF STRANGE EGG-SHAPED PODS FLYING BY!
EGG-SHAPED PODS, EH?
THAT SURE DOES SOUND SICKENINGLY FAMILIAR!
HAVE YOU SEEN ONE YOURSELF?
YOU BET!
AND IF YOU LOOK OVER YONDER--

"--THERE'S ONE *NOW*!"

I FEEL *AWFUL*, NICOLE! I SHOULD *NEVER* HAVE *DOUBTED* MY FATHER!

THE KING'S EXPERIENCES WITH TEMPORAL ANOMALIES WHILE TRAPPED IN THE VOID WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EXPLAINING HIS UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR!

TAKE HIS ORDERS TO DISMANTLE THE ROBOTICIZED MOBIAN CITIZENRY AS AN EXAMPLE!

I ALREADY HAVE!

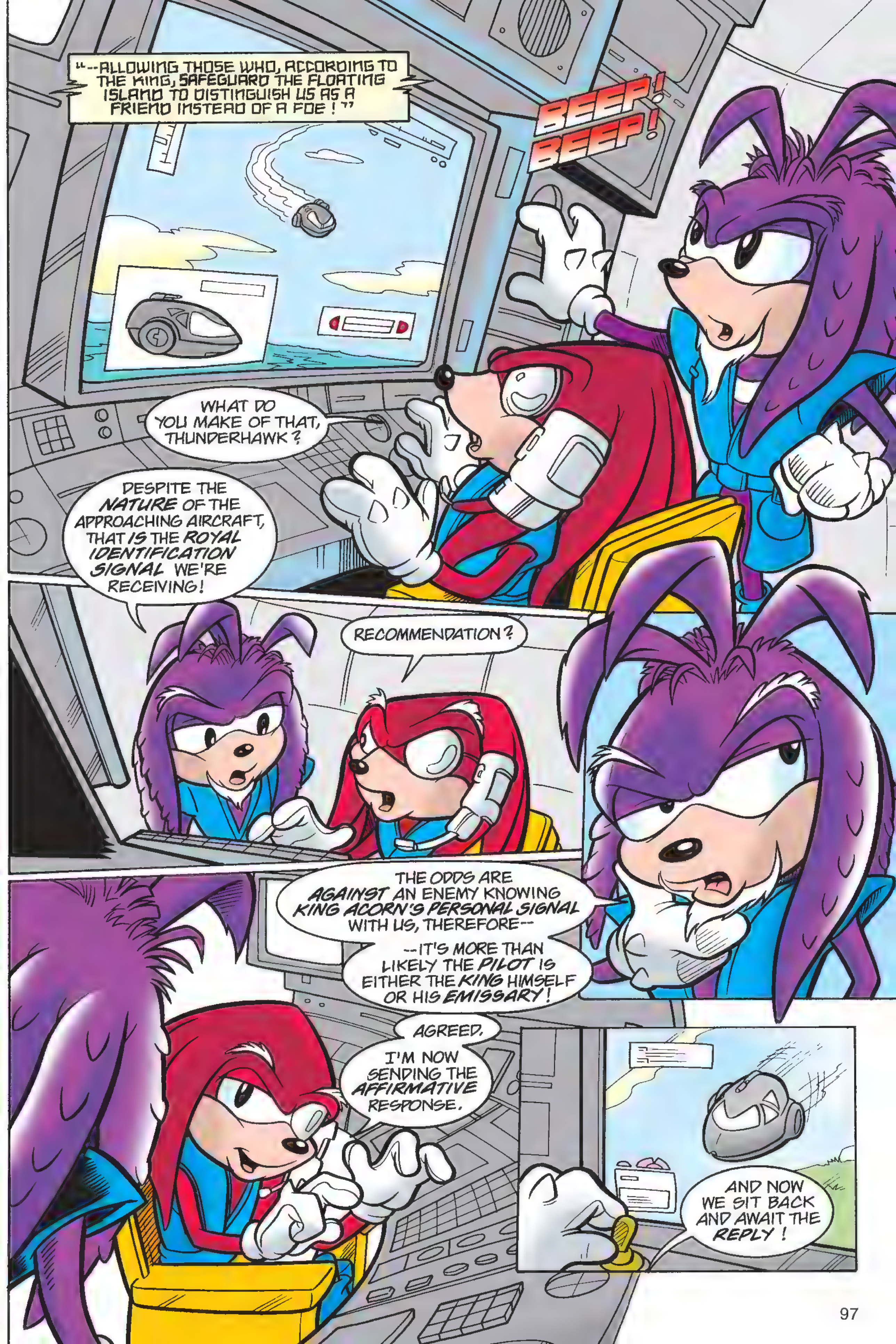
FROM HIS POINT-OF-VIEW, MY FATHER SAW A POTENTIALLY *FATAL* PROBLEM AND OFFERED UP AN ARGUABLY *PRAGMATIC* SOLUTION!

HE *KNEW* ROBOTNIK-MACH 2 WOULD USE THEM *AGAINST* US AND TRIED TO *PREVENT* THAT!

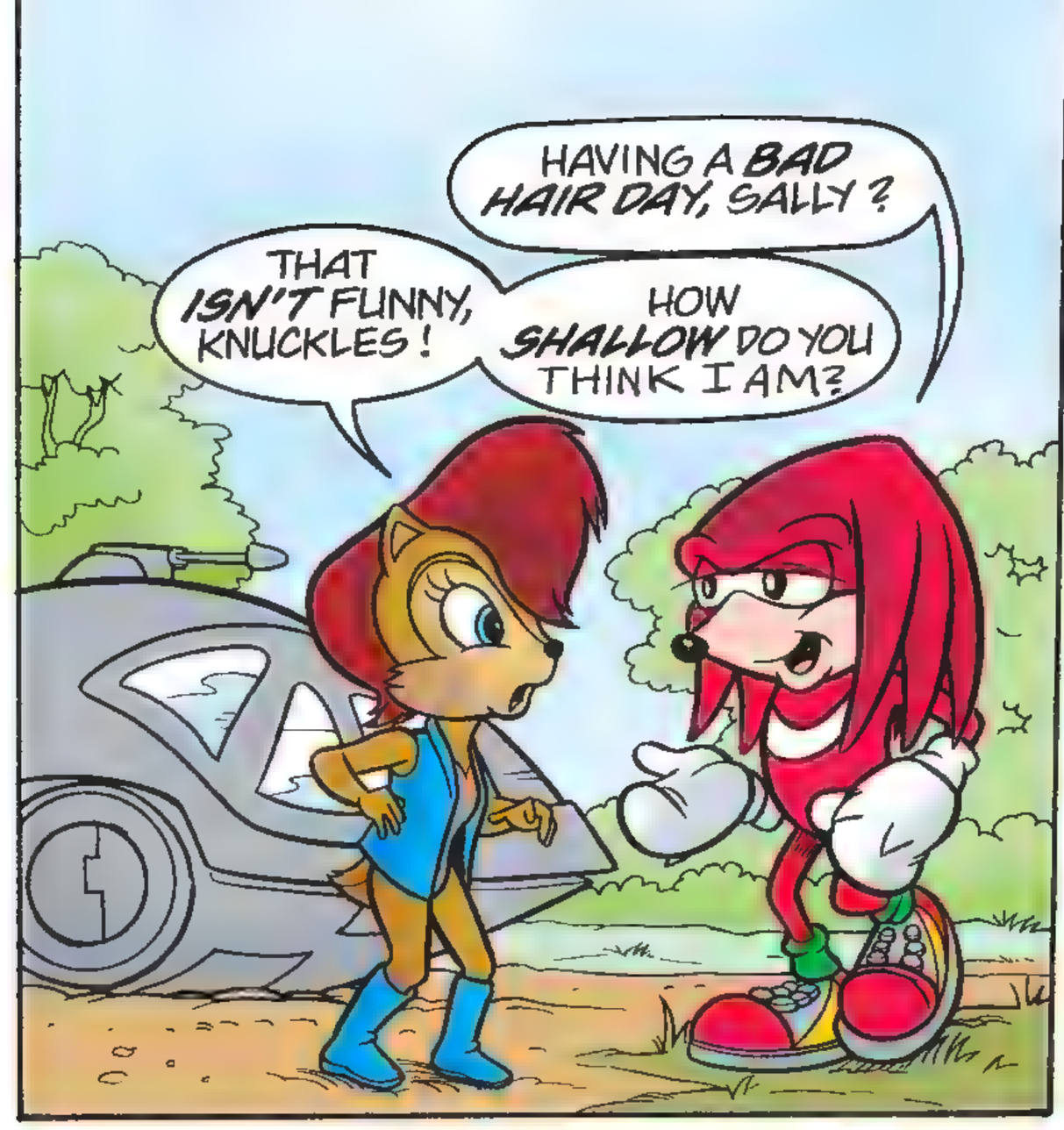
AND WERE I HIM, AND IF *I* KNEW WHAT *HE* KNEW--

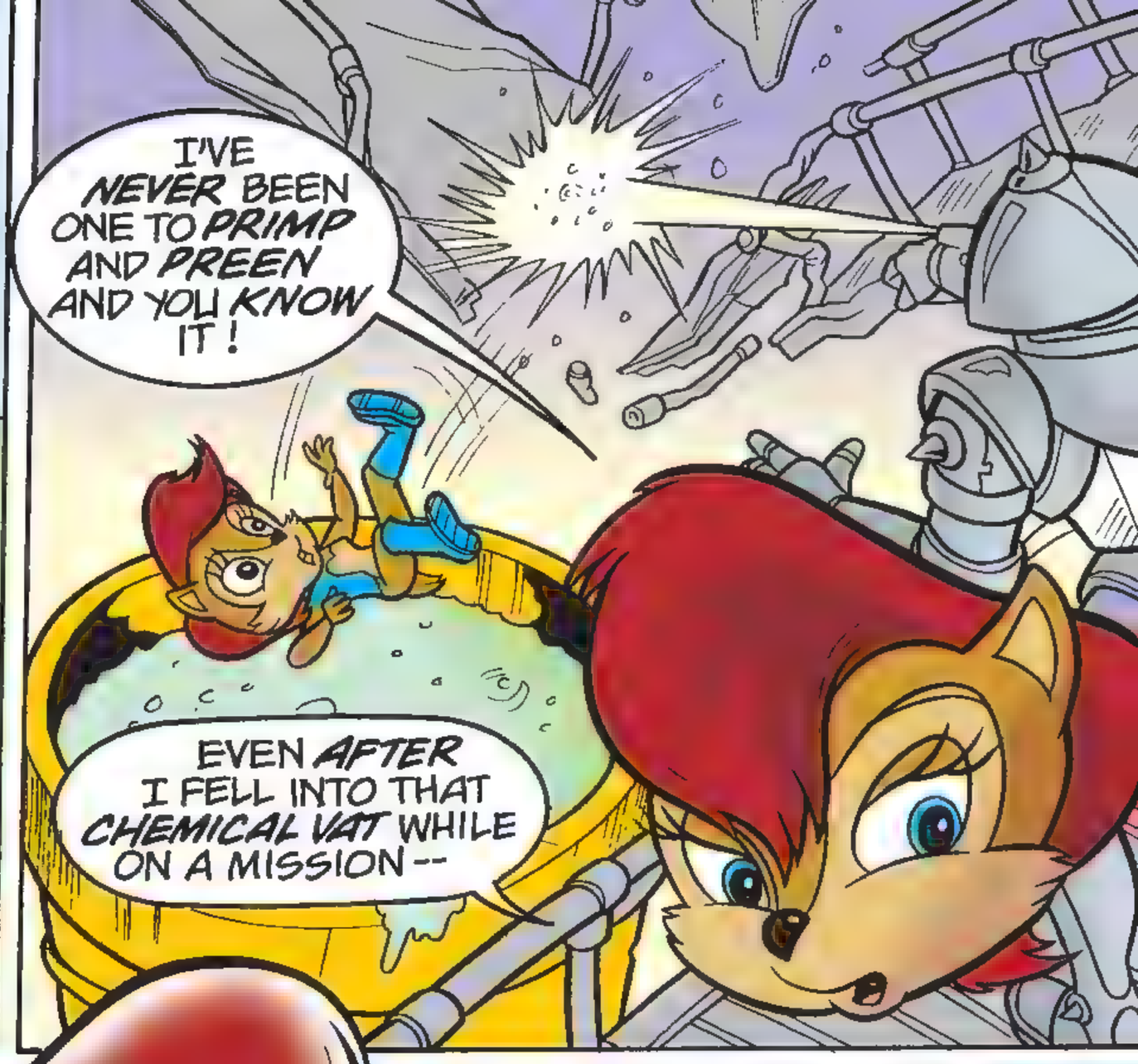
--AT THIS MOMENT, I'M NOT SO SURE I *WOULDN'T* HAVE DONE THE *SAME* THING!

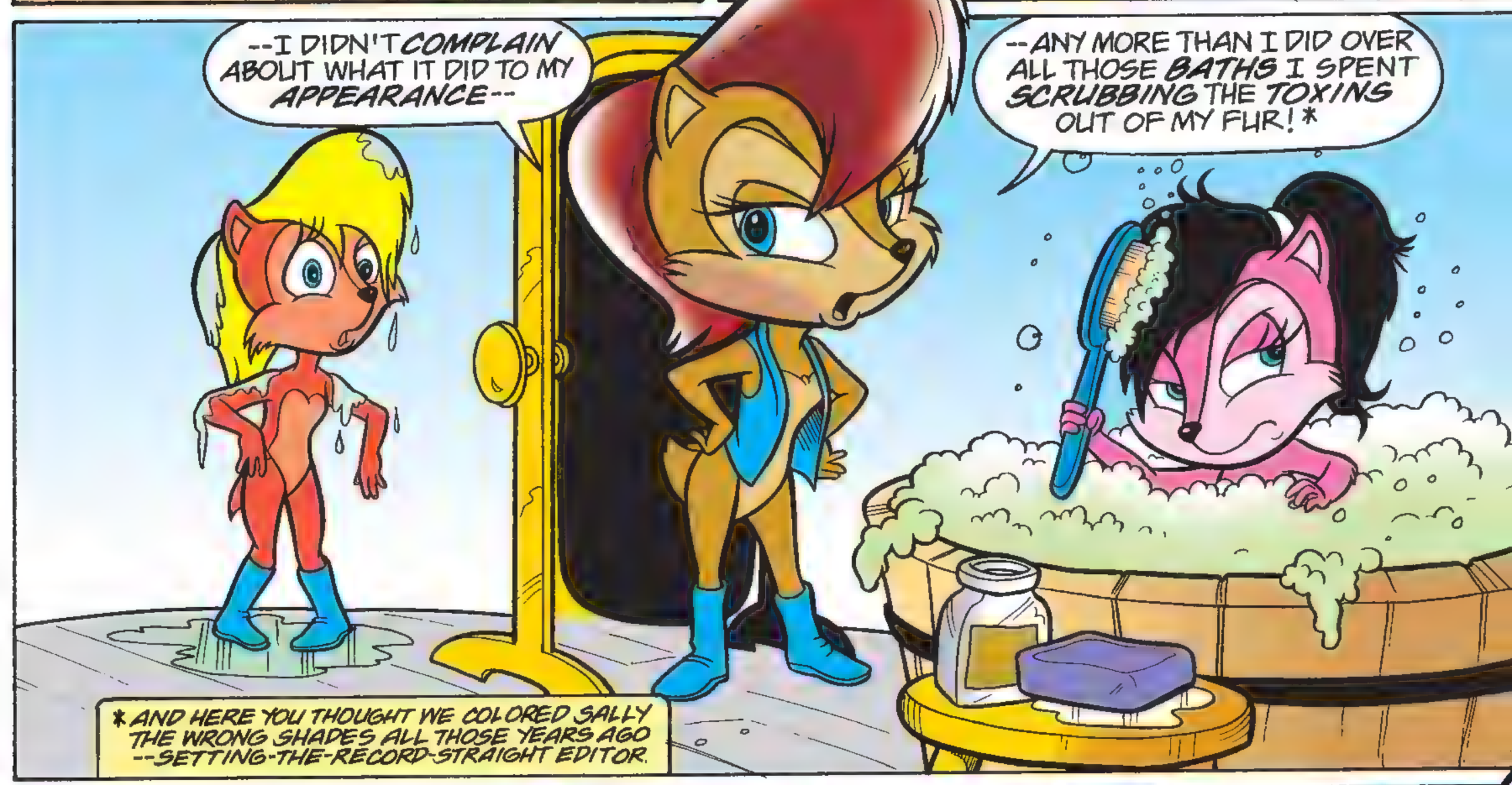
AT THIS MOMENT, SALLY, THE THING TO DO NOW IS ACTIVATE THE BEACON SIGNAL --


"--ALLOWING THOSE WHO, ACCORDING TO THE KING, SAFEGUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND TO DISTINGUISH US AS A FRIEND INSTEAD OF A FOE!"
BEEP! BEEP!
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT, THUNDERHAWK?
DESPITE THE NATURE OF THE APPROACHING AIRCRAFT, THAT IS THE ROYAL IDENTIFICATION SIGNAL WE'RE RECEIVING!
RECOMMENDATION?
THE ODDS ARE AGAINST AN ENEMY KNOWING KING ACORN'S PERSONAL SIGNAL WITH US, THEREFORE--
--IT'S MORE THAN LIKELY THE PILOT IS EITHER THE KING HIMSELF OR HIS EMISSARY!
AGREED. I'M NOW SENDING THE AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE.
AND NOW WE SIT BACK AND AWAIT THE REPLY!

HELLO, KNUCKLES!
SALLY!
HOW COULD YOU ?!!


HAVING A BAD HAIR DAY, SALLY?
THAT ISN'T FUNNY, KNUCKLES!
HOW SHALLOW DO YOU THINK I AM?


I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO PRIMP AND PREEN AND YOU KNOW IT!
EVEN AFTER I FELL INTO THAT CHEMICAL VAT WHILE ON A MISSION --


--I DIDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT IT DID TO MY APPEARANCE--
--ANY MORE THAN I DID OVER ALL THOSE BATHS I SPENT SCRUBBING THE TOXINS OUT OF MY FUR!*
*AND HERE YOU THOUGHT WE COLORED SALLY THE WRONG SHADES ALL THOSE YEARS AGO --SETTING-THE-RECORD-STRAIGHT EDITOR.

SO DON'T GO BLAMING MY ATTITUDE ON A BAD HAIR DAY OR ANYTHING ELSE, MISTER LET'S-KEEP-A-SECRET ECHIDNA!
HUH?
SECRET? WHAT SECRET?!!

MY MOTHER, YOU CLOD!
YOU KNOW-- THE ONE WHO WAS KEPT IN COLD STORAGE ON THIS VERY ISLAND!
RING ANY BELLS, NOW?

I DIDN'T *KNOW* SHE WAS *HERE*, SALLY!

I *HONESTLY* DIDN'T KNOW!

I'M AS MUCH, IF NOT *MORE*, IN THE DARK ABOUT THINGS AROUND HERE!

IT'S ONLY *RECENTLY* I'VE STARTED TO UNCOVER *WHAT'S WHAT* AND *WHO'S WHO*!

HAD I *KNOWN*, YOU'RE THE *FIRST* PERSON I'D HAVE *TOLD*!

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA OF WHAT MY *REAL* MISSION HERE IS?

I CAN ONLY *IMAGINE*!

I'M HERE TO SEE *YOUR* RELATIVES--THE *BROTHERHOOD OF HAVEN*--

--WITH THE INTENT OF ENLISTING THEIR *AID* AGAINST *ROBO-ROBOTNIK*!*

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YOU *KNOW* ABOUT *HAVEN*?

NOW WHO'S *KEEPING* SECRETS *FROM* WHOM?!

MY FATHER, APPARENTLY! HE'S THE ONE WHO TOLD ME!

YOUR FATHER? HOW WOULD *HE* KNOW?

I'M NOT SURE!
FATHER TELLS ME ONLY WHAT HE FEELS I SHOULD KNOW WHEN I SHOULD!
I KNOW THAT STORY ALL TOO WELL!
WHAT KIND OF HELP DO YOU NEED?
MORE THAN YOU ALONE COULD HANDLE, KNUCKLES!
HUH?
BAMF!
GREETINGS, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I BID YOU WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE BROTHERHOOD AND ALL WHO RESIDE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!
SPECTRE!
AND DEO VOLENTE!
YOU MEAN YOU GUYS KNEW THE PRINCESS WAS COMING?
NOT AT ALL!
WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE THE RESOURCES TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO ANY GIVEN SITUATION!
WE UNDERSTAND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE--
-- AND SINCE THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS--
-- SHALL WE PROCEED TO HAVEN?

BAMF!

YOUR *ROYAL HIGHNESS*, ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU--THE ASSEMBLED *BROTHERHOOD OF HAVEN*--

--IN DESCENDING ORDER OF *SENIORITY* AFTER MYSELF--

MY SON, *SOJOURNER*--

--HIS SON, *THUNDERHAWK*--

--HIS GREAT-GRANDSON, *SABRE*--

AS WELL AS HIS SON, *LOCKE*--WHO IS ALSO KNUCKLES' FATHER!

I SPEAK FOR *ALL* OF US WHEN I SAY THIS IS, INDEED, A *HIGH HONOR*!

AND IF I MAY BE PERMITTED A MORE *PERSONAL* OBSERVATION--

--THE *LITTLE GIRL* I OBSERVED YEARS AGO HAS GROWN INTO QUITE THE *YOUNG LADY*!

GENTLEMEN, WHILE I WISH MY VISIT WAS UNDER MORE *PLEASANT* CIRCUMSTANCES--

--I'M HERE ON THE *REQUEST* OF MY KING TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF *GREAT URGENCY*!

BY ALL MEANS, YOUR HIGHNESS, IF YOU'LL COME THIS WAY--

--WE CAN CONVENE IN THE *CONFERENCE ROOM*!

I TRUST THE *FACILITIES* MEET WITH YOUR *APPROVAL*!

THIS WILL DO VERY WELL! THANK YOU!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SON?

YOU SEEM QUITE *DISTRESSED*!

WHAT DO I *SAY*, DAD?

THAT BECAUSE YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE KEPT *SECRETS* FROM ME, IT NOW *AFFECTS* MY FRIENDS, TOO?

YOU WERE *NEVER* MEANT TO BE *FRIENDS* WITH THE PRINCESS, KNUCKLES!

MAYBE THAT WAS AN *INCORRECT* DECISION ON MY PART, BUT I WAS USING *PAST* HISTORY AS MY *GUIDE*!

SO, I *DON'T* HAVE ANY SAY WHO I CAN *HAVE* AS FRIENDS?

NOT IN THIS CASE!

SHE'S *POSSIBLY* GOING TO BE THE *LEADER* OF HER PEOPLE!

HER *BEST* INTERESTS MAY *NOT* COINCIDE WITH *YOURS*!

HOW SO?

"HER PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO PEACEFULLY CO-EXIST WITH THOSE WHO WOULD *PREY* ON THEM, THUS LEAVING THEMSELVES OPEN TO *ATTACK*!

"INSTEAD OF TAKING WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO *PREVENT* THIS, THEY END UP IN A CONSTANT STATE OF *WAR*!"

... AND IF *ROBO-ROBOTNIK*--(OR ROBOTNIK MACH 2, OR WHATEVER HE CALLS HIMSELF)--SUCCEEDS WITH HIS *PLANS*, THEN *NO ONE* ON MOBIUS WILL BE *SAFE*!

THEREFORE, I *IMPLORE* YOU FOR YOUR *ASSISTANCE* IN DEFEATING THIS *MALEVOLENT* FORCE!

ON A MORE *PERSONAL* LEVEL, OUR ROYAL PHYSICIAN IS HAVING *DIFFICULTY* MAINTAINING LIFE SUPPORT FOR MY *MOTHER*, QUEEN ACORN--

--SO, IF THERE IS *ANYTHING* YOU CAN DO TO *ALLEVIATE* HER CONDITION, WE'D BE *IMMENSELY* GRATEFUL!

BEFORE WE DISCUSS YOUR *INITIAL REQUEST*, REGARDING THE CONDITION OF YOUR MOTHER--

--WE KEPT HER ALIVE THROUGH METHODS *COMPATIBLE* WITH *ECHIDNA PHYSIOLOGY*!

THERE WAS--IS--NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO FOR HER! I'M SORRY!

AS FOR YOUR *CURRENT* PREDICAMENT WITH THE *DESPOT* ROBO-ROBOTNIK--

--ARE YOUR PEOPLE WILLING TO *ENGAGE* HIM USING *EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE*--

-- INCLUDING THE *LATEST* IN *MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY*?

YOU KNOW I *CAN'T* AGREE TO *THAT*, BROTHER SPECTRE!

IF THAT IS TO BE YOUR *FINAL* WORD, YOUR HIGHNESS--

"--YOUR PETITION IS *DENIED*!"

CREE-EEAAK!

EH?

KNUCKLES!

HOW ARE YOU, LAD?

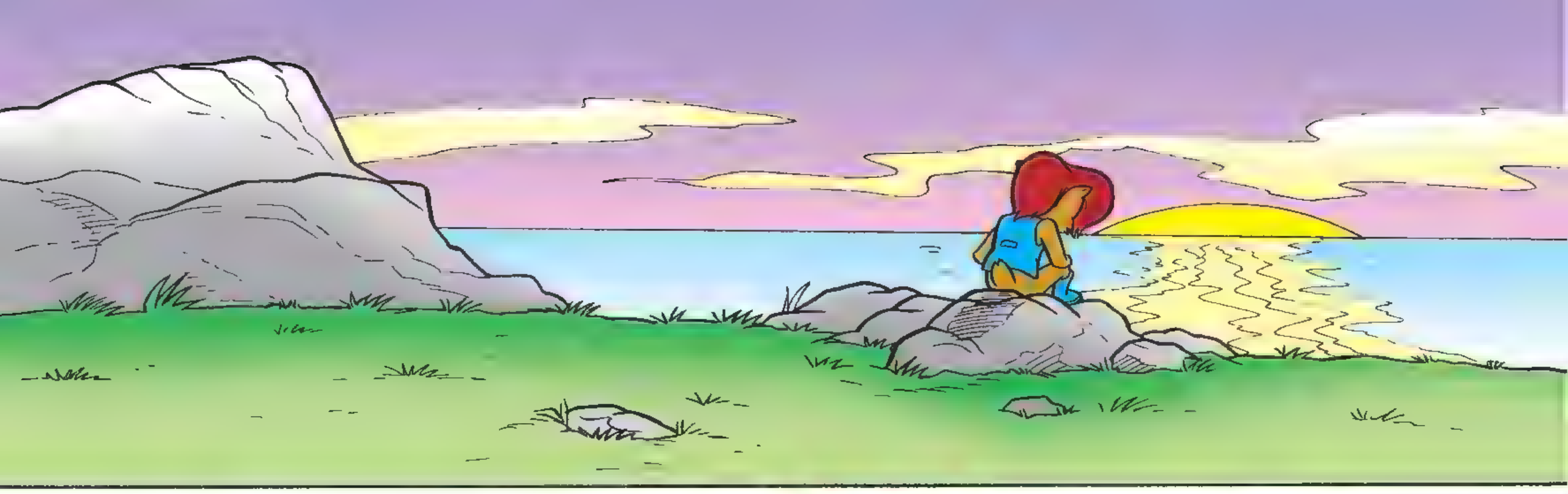
BEEN A *WHILE* SINCE *YOU'VE* BEEN AROUND!

MOTHER WILL BE *HAPPY* TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

I HAVE TO ADMIT, I'VE *MISSED* HER *COOKING*--

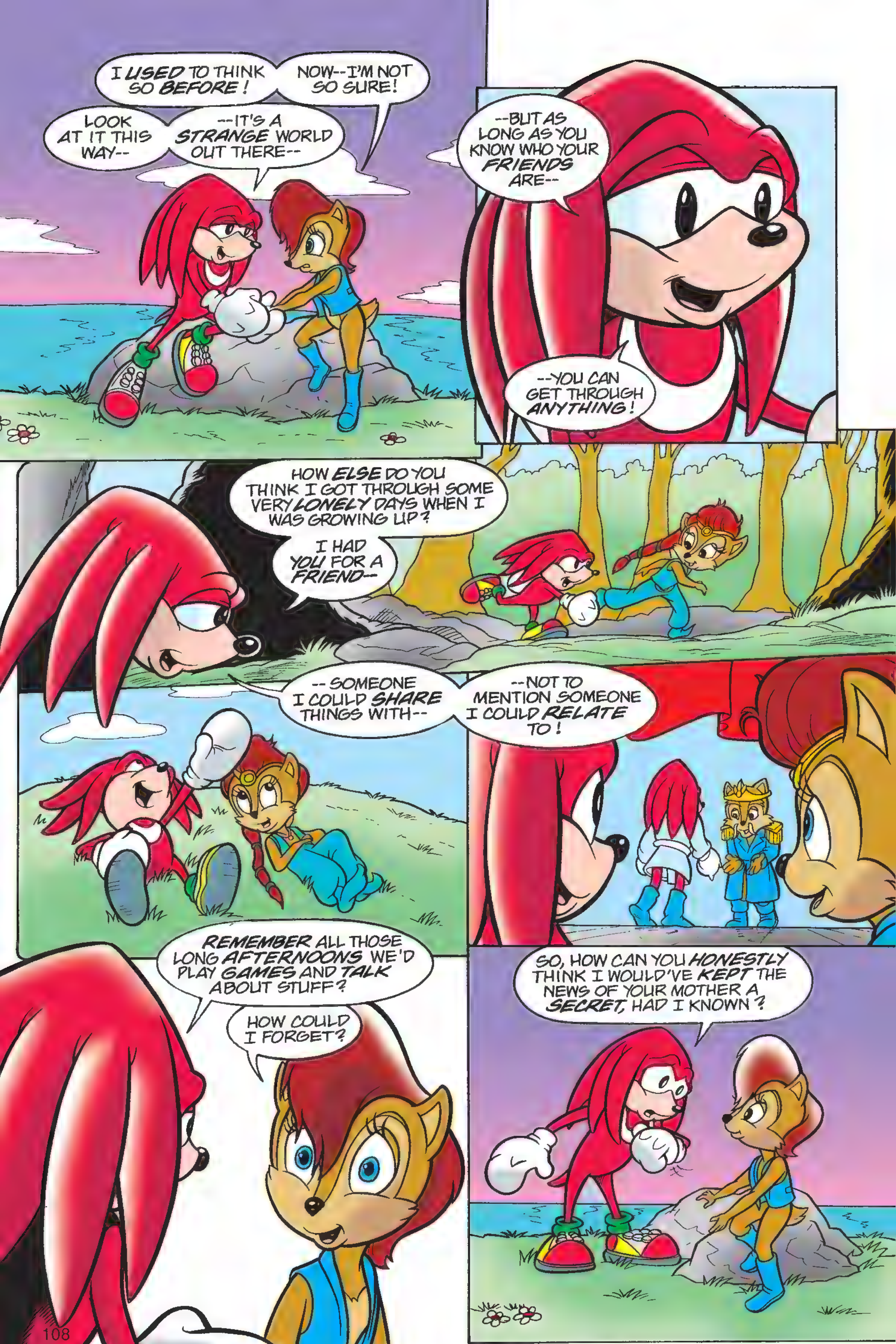
--BUT THAT'S NOT *WHY* I CAME!

I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TELL ME IF *PRINCESS SALLY* IS HERE!



THE SUNSET SURE IS BEAUTIFUL!
I HADN'T NOTICED!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU LEFT IN A BIT OF A HURRY BACK THERE!
WE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO EVEN TALK!
TALK ABOUT WHAT?
YOUR RELATIVES DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS MUCH TO SAY!
YEAH--WELL-- I'M NOT MY RELATIVES!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
YEAH-- RIGHT!

Y'KNOW--
--OUT OF EVERYONE I KNOW OF--
--I FIGURED *YOU*, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, WOULD *UNDERSTAND*!
AFTER ALL, DID *YOUR FATHER* TELL YOU *EVERYTHING* WHEN YOU WERE *GROWING UP*?
NO.
HE DIDN'T.
ALL RIGHT, SO *WHERE* DOES THAT LEAVE *US*?
I DUNNO, SAL!
ALL I KNOW IS--
--EVEN THOUGH THINGS ARE MORE *COMPLICATED* NOW--
--I'M *STILL* YOUR *FRIEND*!
THAT'S GOTTA *COUNT* FOR SOMETHING, RIGHT?


I USED TO THINK SO BEFORE!
NOW--I'M NOT SO SURE!
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY--
--IT'S A STRANGE WORLD OUT THERE--
--BUT AS LONG AS YOU KNOW WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE--
--YOU CAN GET THROUGH ANYTHING!
HOW ELSE DO YOU THINK I GOT THROUGH SOME VERY LONELY DAYS WHEN I WAS GROWING UP?
I HAD YOU FOR A FRIEND--
-- SOMEONE I COULD SHARE THINGS WITH--
--NOT TO MENTION SOMEONE I COULD RELATE TO!
REMEMBER ALL THOSE LONG AFTERNOONS WE'D PLAY GAMES AND TALK ABOUT STUFF?
HOW COULD I FORGET?
SO, HOW CAN YOU HONESTLY THINK I WOULD'VE KEPT THE NEWS OF YOUR MOTHER A SECRET, HAD I KNOWN?

WHAT CAN I SAY ?
I DIDN'T SEE YOU LEND YOUR SUPPORT WHEN I WAS ASKING FOR HELP BACK THERE !
WHAT COULD I DO, SAL ?
I'M STILL A NOVICE AS FAR AS THAT GROUP IS CONCERNED!
I CAN'T BUCK THE SYSTEM ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN!
IT'S DIFFERENT SINCE ELIAS RETURNED!
GOODY FOR YOU!
IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME FOR ME, TOO !
SALLY, I FULLY BELIEVE THE BROTHERHOOD SHOULD JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST ROBO-ROBOTNIK!
YOU DO ?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, SILLY ?
OF COURSE I DO--
--BUT I CAN'T CONVINCE THEM UNTIL I FIGURE OUT HOW TO COUNTER OVER 400 YEARS OF ECHIDNA HISTORY AND TRADITION!
SO, WHAT DO WE DO IN THE MEANTIME WHILE YOU PLAY APPRENTICE ?

THEY SURE DIDN'T SPEAK MUCH OVER DINNER, MOTHER!

NOT LIKE *LAST* TIME!

THIS IS *TERRIBLE*, FATHER!

THEY'RE JUST *KIDS*!

THEY SHOULD BE *LAUGHING* AND HAVING *FUN*--

" --NOT *FIGHTING* WARS AND *CARRYING* THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON THEIR SHOULDERS!"

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY, SAL!

I'M *STILL* THE *SAME* ECHIDNA YOU'VE *ALWAYS* KNOWN!

MAYBE *THAT'S* THE *PROBLEM*, AND MAYBE I SHOULD'VE SEEN IT *BEFORE*!

YOU DIDN'T *JOIN* US BACK WHEN WE *ASKED* YOU TO--*

*WAY BACK WHEN IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 1 -- EDITOR.

--AND IT'S *OBVIOUS* YOU STILL *WOULDN'T*, EVEN NOW!

HOW CAN WE STILL *BE* FRIENDS AFTER THAT?

I STOOD AND WATCHED LONG AFTER SALLY WAS BEYOND MY SIGHT, RESENTING THE FACT THAT THE VERY REASONS WHICH BROUGHT US TOGETHER WERE NOW TEARING US APART.

I COULDN'T BLAME HER FOR FEELING THE WAY SHE DID, AND YET, I HAD TO ADMIT MY DAD AND THE OTHERS HAD EQUALLY VALID REASONS TO SUPPORT THEIR POSITION.

HOW CAN I CHOOSE? MY *SPECIAL FRIEND*? OR MY *FAMILY*?

IF BOTH WERE RIGHT, WHERE DID THAT LEAVE *ME*?

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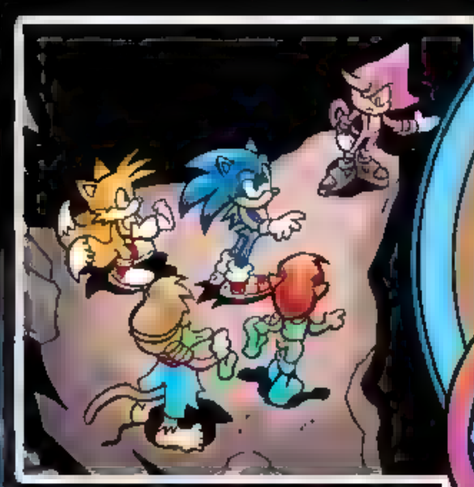
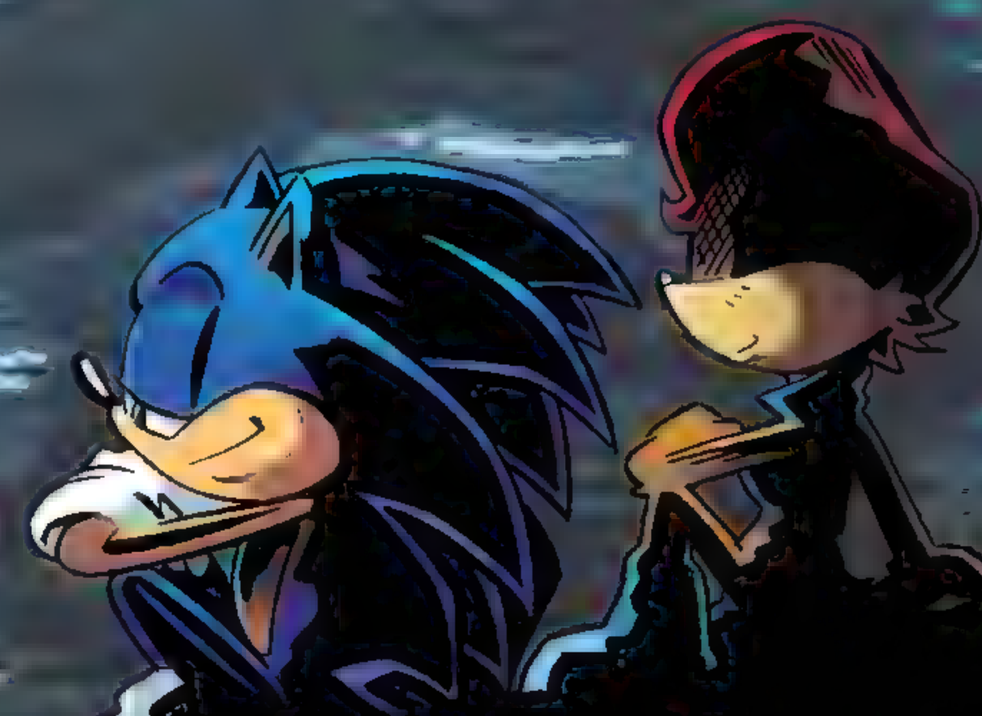


...THE IRON DOMINION USED THEIR EVIL TECHNOLOGY TO INVADE SONIC'S HOME. SONIC FLED THE CITY AND JOURNEYED TO THE EAST WITH SALLY, MONKEY KHAN, AND TAILS TO CUT OFF SUPPORT FOR THE DOMINION FROM ABROAD. OUR HEROES MET UP WITH ESPIO THE CHAMELEON AND WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR MISSION.



SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS THEN RETURNED HOME TO FREE HIS CITY ONCE AND FOR ALL, BUT NOW THE CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS ARE MORE DISTRUSTFUL OF TECHNOLOGY THAN EVER...

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JOURNEY TO THE EAST

ON SALE NOW!

SCAN THE CODE!

...AND ASIDE FROM THE USUAL YAGYU RAIDS, THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING WELL.

STORMTOP VILLAGE-- DRAGON KINGDOM.

THE OTHER CLANS HAVE BEEN COOPERATING?

OH, THEY'RE STILL BICKERING AND POSTURING AND BLAH, BLAH, *BLAH!*

POLITICS ARE NEVER EASY.

YEAH, YEAH, BUT THE FREE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN PEACE, SO I CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN.

AND THE IRON QUEEN?

"OBNOXIOUS, BUT SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE."

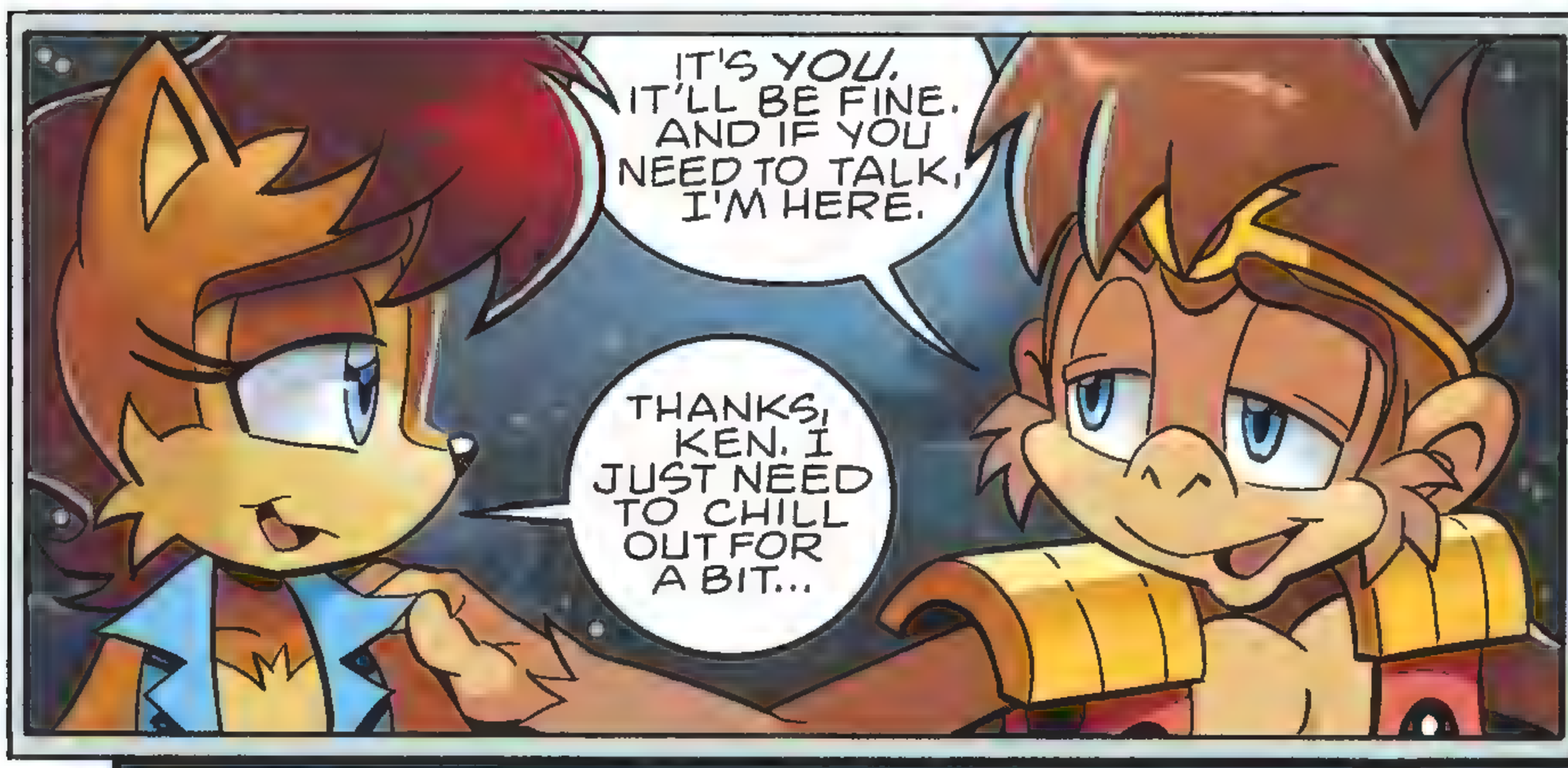
BUT YOU DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO CHECK UP ON THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
I...WELL...I DO CARE... IT'S JUST...

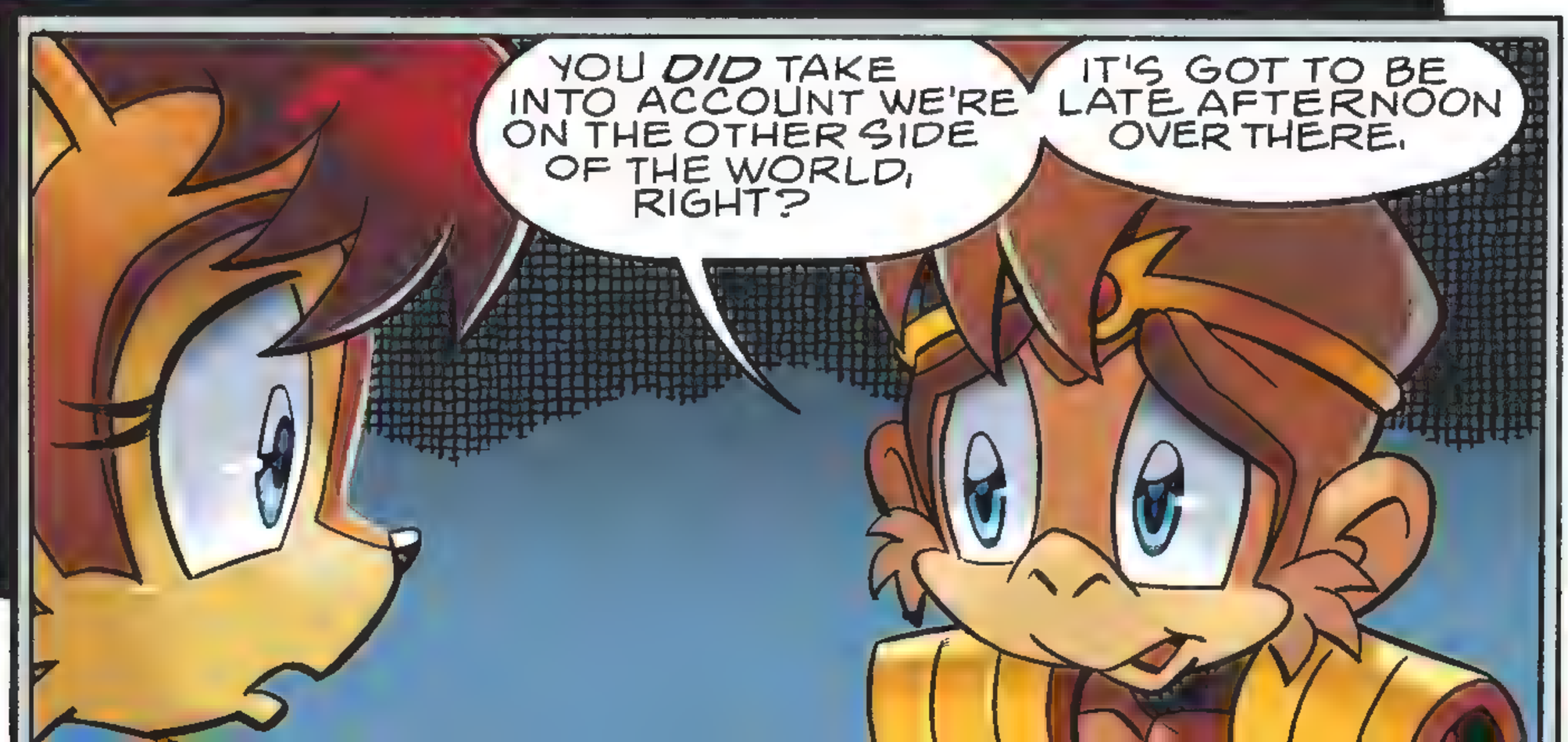
THINGS ARE...TENSE AT HOME. PEOPLE ARE NERVOUS ABOUT NICOLE. EGGMAN IS STILL MISSING, AND THEN SOMEONE WE THOUGHT WE TRUSTED...
NUH-UH. YOU DON'T RUN FROM CHAL-LENGES LIKE THAT. WHAT IS IT, REALLY?

I HAVE A DATE WITH SONIC TONIGHT.
THERE WE GO. YOU CAN TELL ME THESE THINGS.

ISN'T THIS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED?
IT IS. I THINK IT IS. I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT WRECKING THINGS.

EVERYTHING WAS SO EASY BEFORE...BEFORE I MESSED IT ALL UP...* SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE BREAK-UP ...I'M NOT SURE WE'RE THE SAME PEOPLE WE ONCE WERE...
*SEE STH #134.


IT'S YOU. IT'LL BE FINE. AND IF YOU NEED TO TALK, I'M HERE.
THANKS, KEN. I JUST NEED TO CHILL OUT FOR A BIT...


YOU DID TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WE'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, RIGHT?
IT'S GOT TO BE LATE AFTERNOON OVER THERE.

OH, MY GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I--! THANKS FOR LISTENING, KEN! I'VE GOT TO--

I KNOW... SEE YOU LATER, SALLY.

NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS.

HA HA HA! YOU'RE TOO--

SORRY! I'LL SEE YOU--

OOF!

WHOA, SORRY, SAL. DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.

NO, I'M SORRY, I... MIGHT BE A *LITTLE* LATE TONIGHT.

S'COOL.

THANKS. *HI*, TAILS. I'VE GOT TO RUN!

...I TOTALLY LOST TRACK OF TIME.

I TOLD YOU SO.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, MOTHER?
I HAVE NO PLAN FOR THIS!

WHAT'S UP, SONNY-BOY? EGGMAN BACK?
NOT THIS TIME, UNCLE CHUCK!
SONIC
I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR A DATE!

I'M AFRAID I'M OF NO HELP, DEAR. DATING WAS... DIFFERENT... IN MY DAY.

NERVOUS ?
ME? NAH, I JUST WANT THIS TO GO RIGHT FOR SAL.

FORMAL? CASUAL?
I DON'T KNOW !!!
HOW SERIOUS IS THIS DATE?

NO WORRYING ABOUT THE NANITE STUFF.
NO WORRYING ABOUT ST. JOHN...

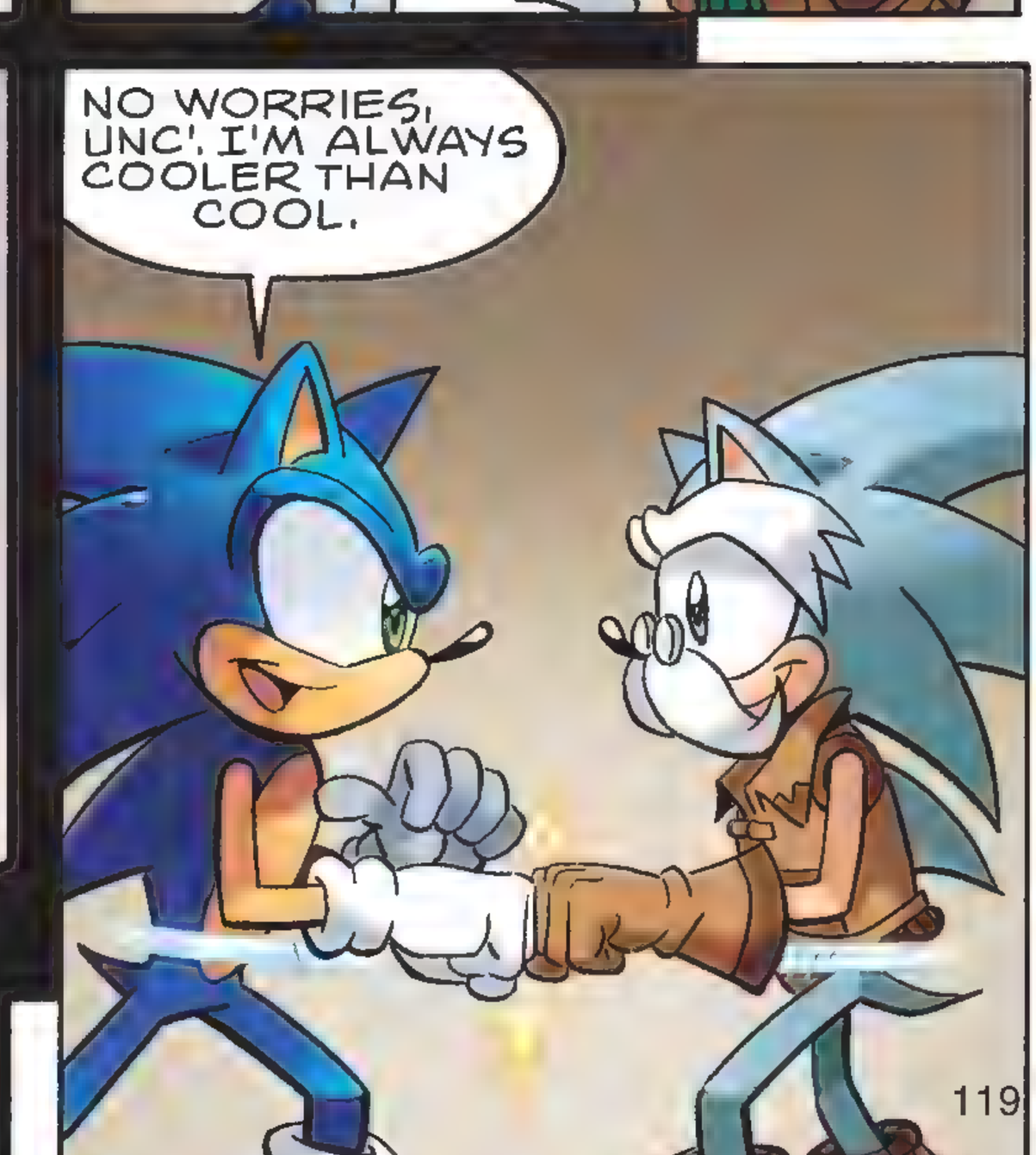
WHAT ABOUT THE HAIR? UP? DOWN? DO I HAVE TIME TO ASK BUNNIE?
SALLY...

I WANT THIS TO GO PERFECTLY FOR HER. JUST...
...CHILLING OUT LIKE OLD TIMES.
SONIC...

BE YOURSELF. THAT'S THE GIRL HE FELL FOR.

JUST *RELAX* AND ACT THE WAY YOU ALWAYS DO. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

I'M NOT SURE I KNOW HOW TO BE THAT, BUT... THANKS.


NO WORRIES, UNC'. I'M ALWAYS COOLER THAN COOL.

SOON...

SORRY FOR THE DELAY!

AW, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. READY FOR DINNER?

SURE. CHUCK'S DINER SOUND GOOD TO YOU?

NORMALLY, YEAH, BUT I GOT US RESERVATIONS AT CRÈME DE LA CRÈME.

YOU DID?

IT'S OUR FIRST DATE IN FOREVER, SO I FIGURED WE'D DO SOMETHING FANCY. BUT IF YOU'D PREFER CHUCK'S...

NO! THAT SOUNDS FINE!

IT IS A SERIOUS DATE.

AND I CAME LIKE THIS.

I BLEW IT ALREADY.

ANTOINE RECOMMENDED THE PLACE.

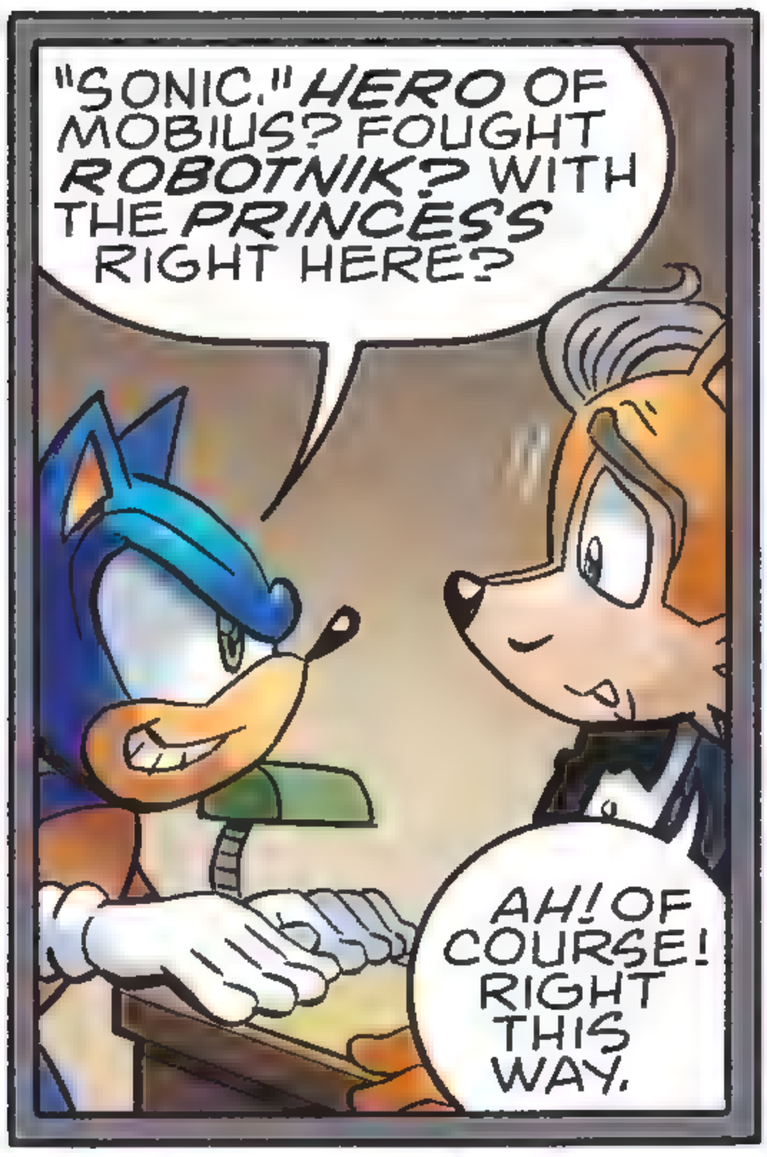
SAID THAT THEY DON'T USE MARGARINE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

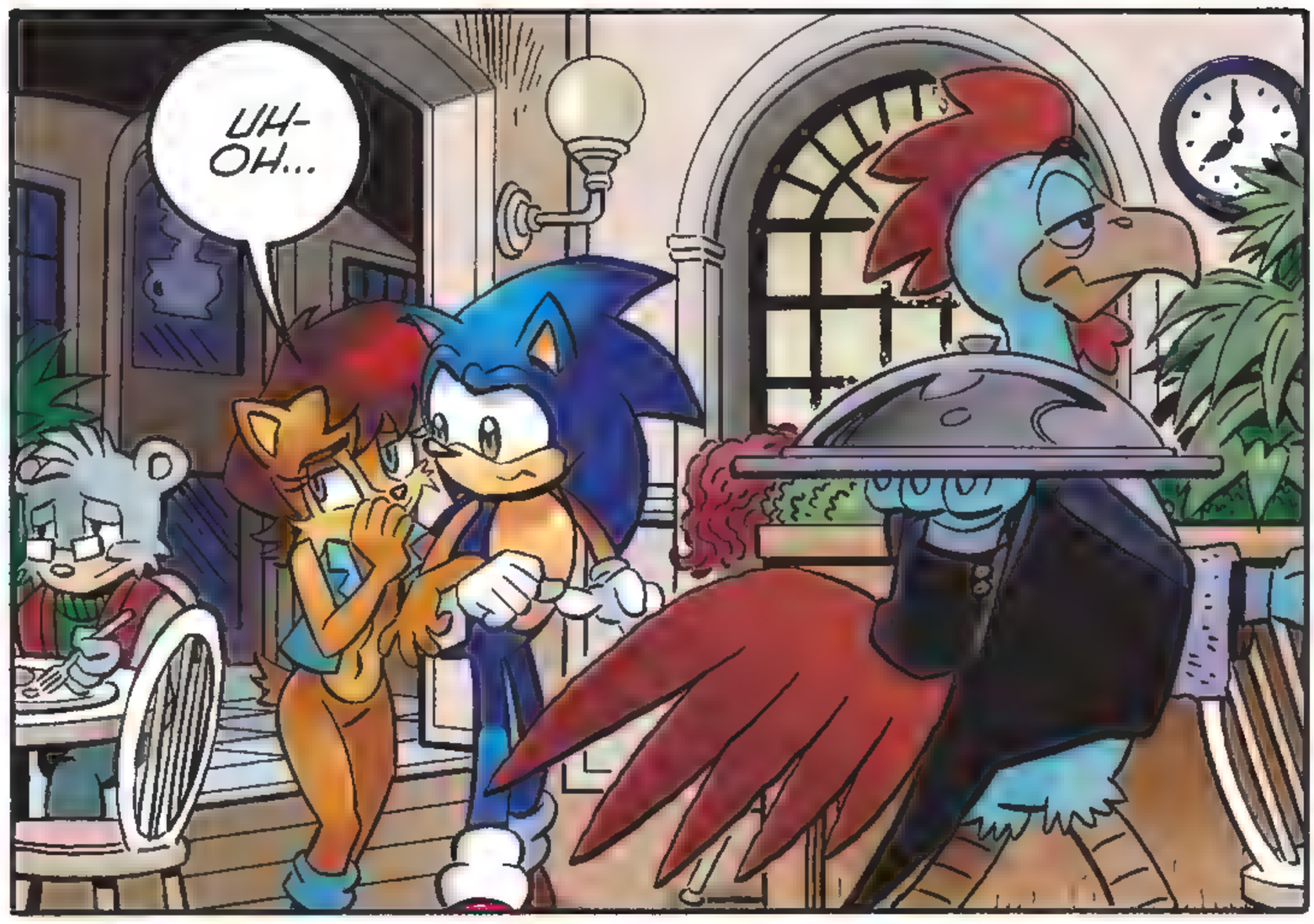
AND SO...

RESERVATION FOR TWO, UNDER "SONIC."

Crème de la Crème

I'M SORRY, SIR, I DON'T...


"SONIC," HERO OF MOBIUS? FOUGHT ROBOTNIK? WITH THE PRINCESS RIGHT HERE?
AH! OF COURSE! RIGHT THIS WAY.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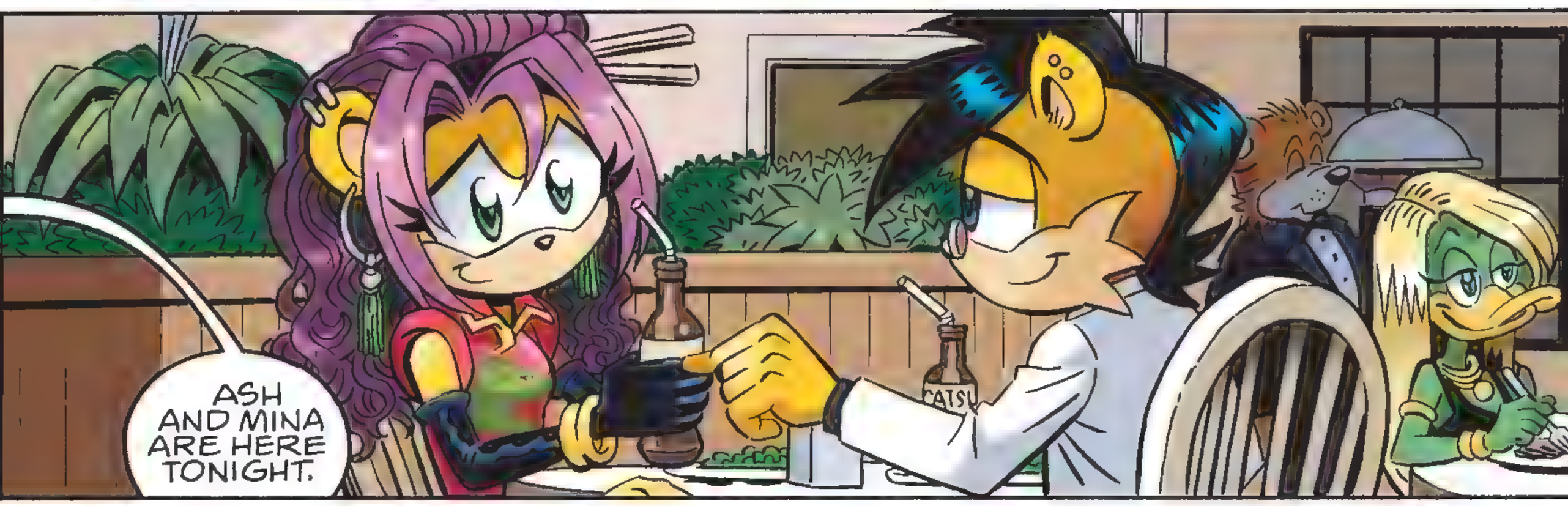
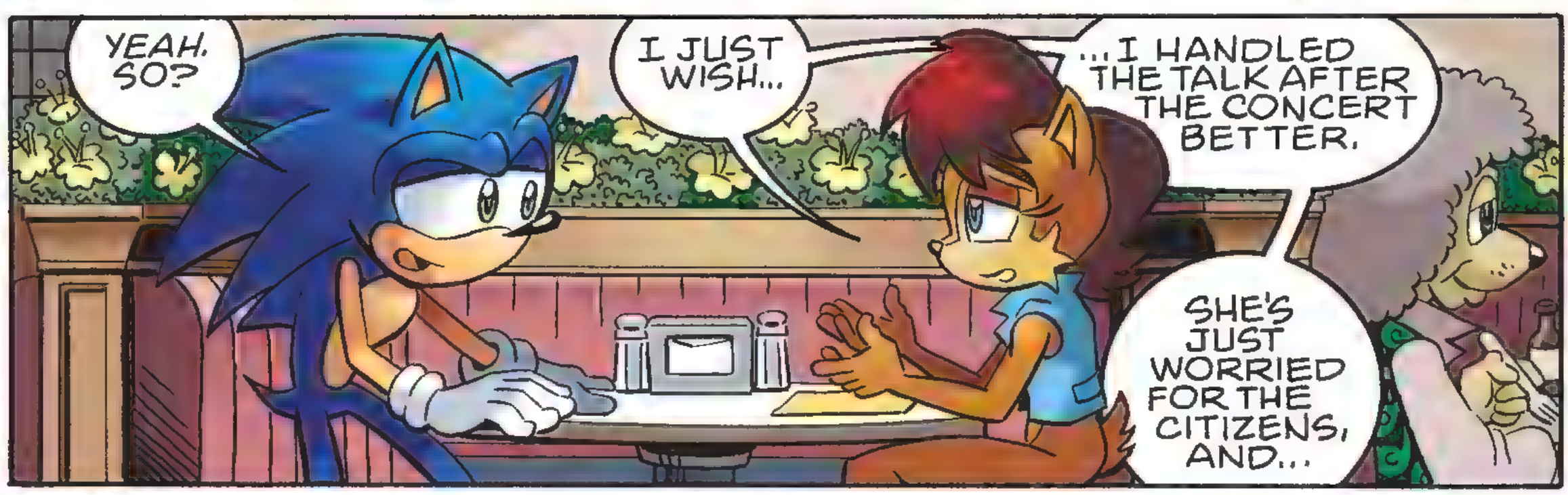
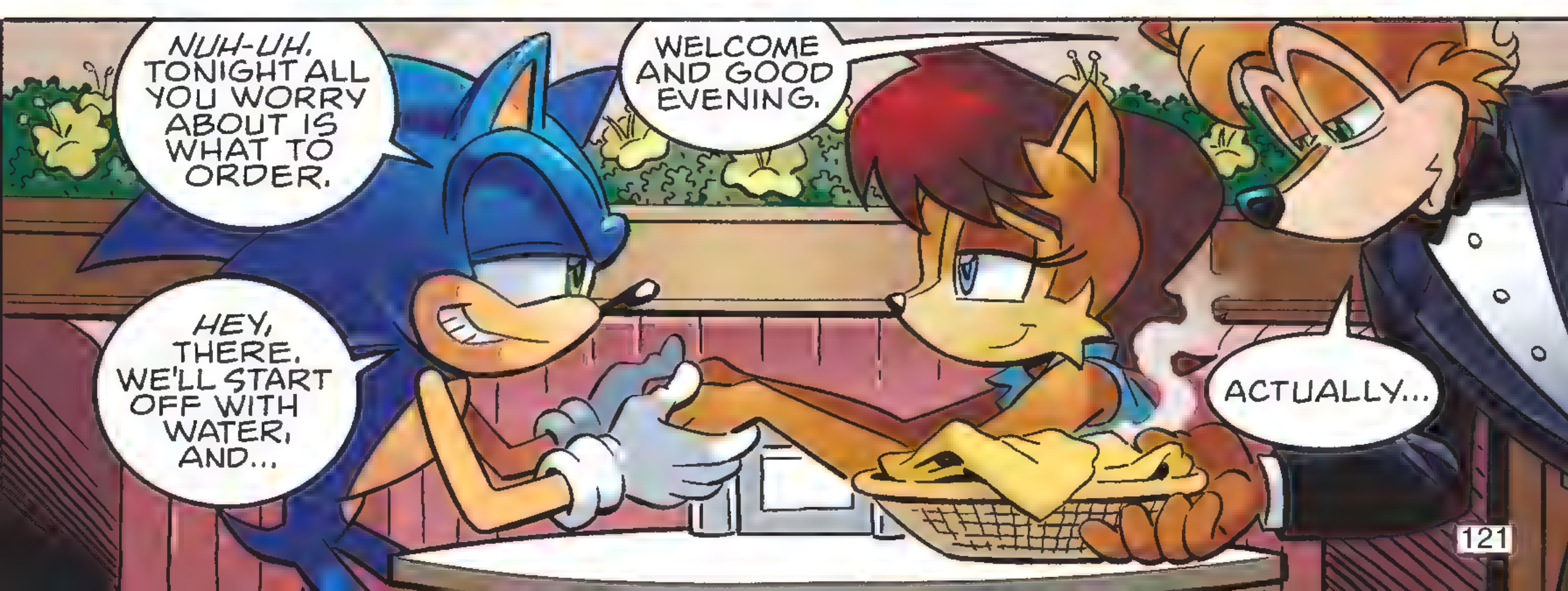
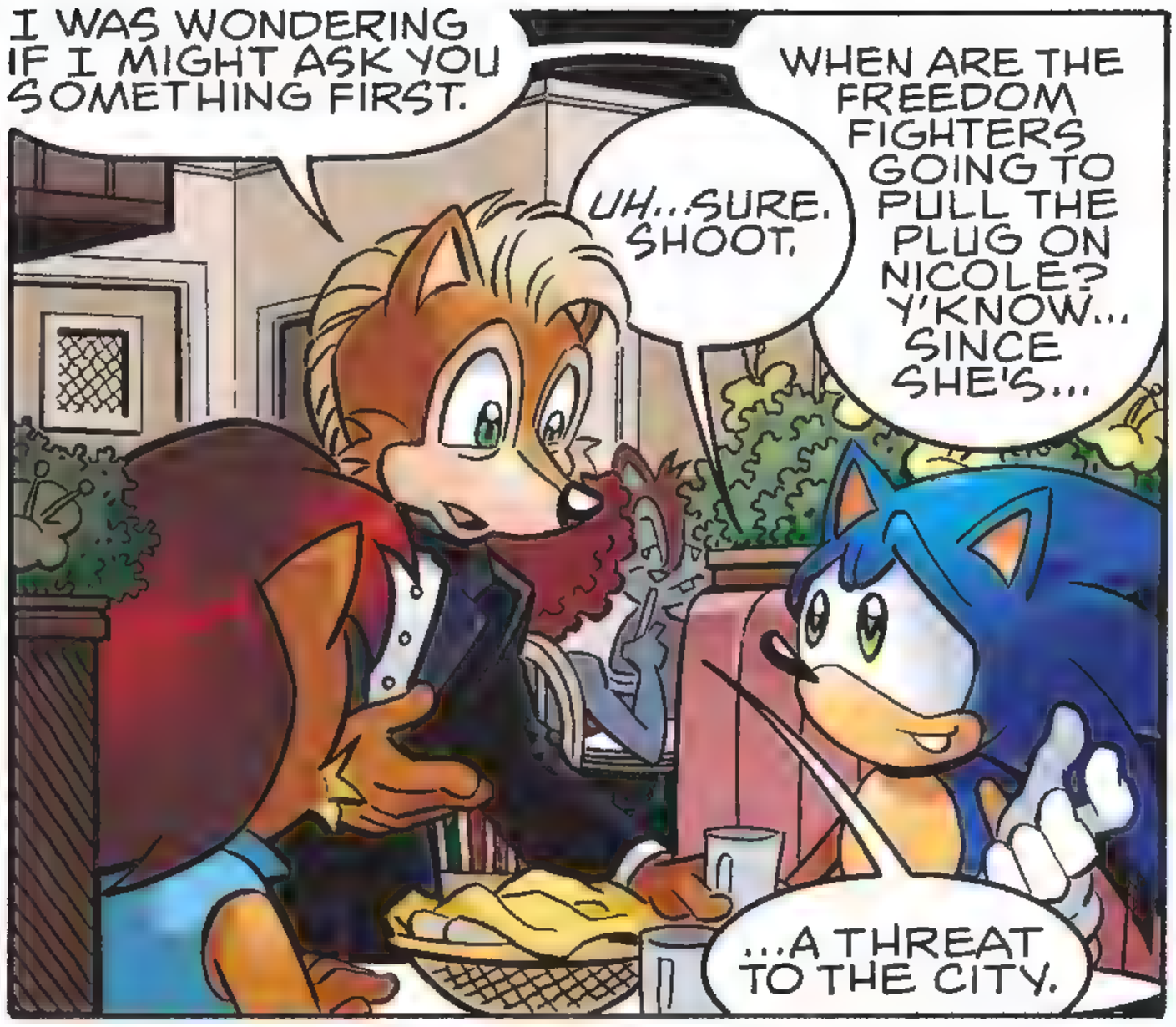
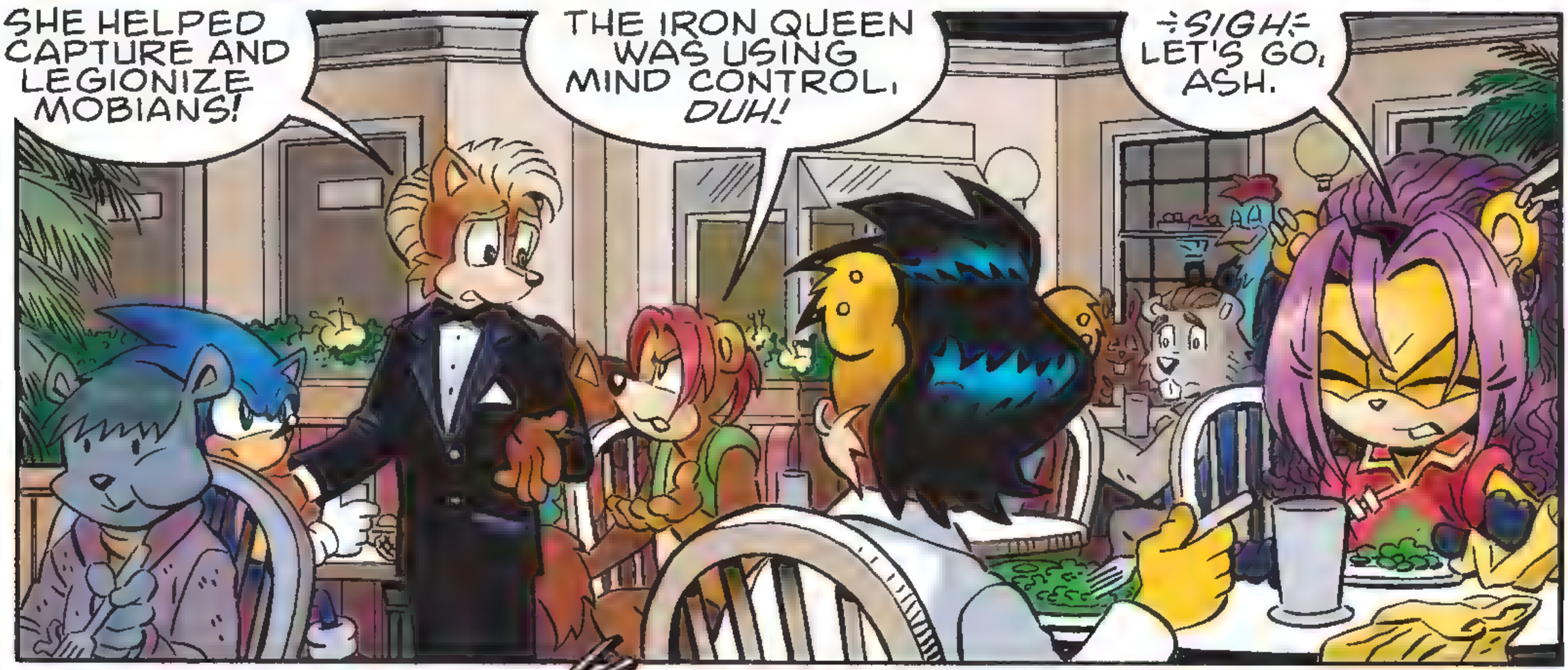

ASH AND MINA ARE HERE TONIGHT.
CATSUP


YEAH, SO?
I JUST WISH...
...I HANDLED THE TALK AFTER THE CONCERT BETTER.
SHE'S JUST WORRIED FOR THE CITIZENS, AND...


NUH-UH, TONIGHT ALL YOU WORRY ABOUT IS WHAT TO ORDER.
WELCOME AND GOOD EVENING.
HEY, THERE. WE'LL START OFF WITH WATER, AND...
ACTUALLY...


I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT ASK YOU SOMETHING FIRST.
UH...SURE. SHOOT.
WHEN ARE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS GOING TO PULL THE PLUG ON NICOLE? Y'KNOW... SINCE SHE'S...
...A THREAT TO THE CITY.

WE'RE DOING NO SUCH THING. WE--
YEAH! NICOLE IS A FREEDOM FIGHTER TOO!


SHE HELPED CAPTURE AND LEGIONIZE MOBIANS!
THE IRON QUEEN WAS USING MIND CONTROL. DUH!
÷SIGH÷ LET'S GO, ASH.

SURE. BUT NO DESSERT?
I CAN'T. NOT WITH THAT GOING ON.

"THIS ISN'T WHAT MY MUSIC WAS SUPPOSED TO CREATE."
--SAVED US ALL BACK WHEN--
--THERE'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR--
--YEAH, WELL, I THINK--
--NEITHER OF YOU REALIZE THAT--

SUDDENLY I'VE LOST MY APPETITE. DO YOU WANT TO...?
YES, PLEASE.
HEY! WAIT! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS?
YEAH! YOU'RE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
LOOK! GUYS! COULD YOU JUST--!
GIVE IT A REST!
PUNT!

YOU TWO GO ON AND HAVE A LOVELY EVENING. I'LL COVER YOU.

SWEET! YOU'RE THE BEST!

THANK YOU, AMY.

BUT...

LISTEN UP!

THOSE TWO HAVE DONE MORE FOR YOU AND THIS CITY THAN ANYONE ELSE! THEY GET TO HAVE *ONE* NIGHT OF PEACE AND QUIET!

BUT AREN'T YOU AMY ROSE? THE CHICK WHO'S ALWAYS AFTER SONIC?

UH...

SONIC'LL BE MINE ONE DAY, UNTIL THEN...

...I JUST WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY.

"AND RIGHT NOW, SALLY MAKES HIM HAPPY."

TELL ME SOMETHING, SONIC.

HMM?

WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME ALL THIS TIME?

NAH.

SUCH CHARM. BE STILL, MY HEART.

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO. WE'VE ALL GOT OUR OWN LIVES TO LEAD. WE'VE GOT TO LIVE THEM THE BEST WE CAN.

YOU'RE RIGHT. BESIDES, THERES NO USE TELLING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG TO STOP MOVING.

NOPE.

HA HA HA! YOU WERE JEALOUS!

YEAH, WELL, YOU WERE JEALOUS OF MINA, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING GOING ON.

I SEE HOW IT IS! I OPEN UP TO YOU, AND YOU TURN IT BACK ON ME!

HAHA! YEP, ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF EVERYONE!

WELL, DON'T GET TOO MUCH FURTHER AHEAD.

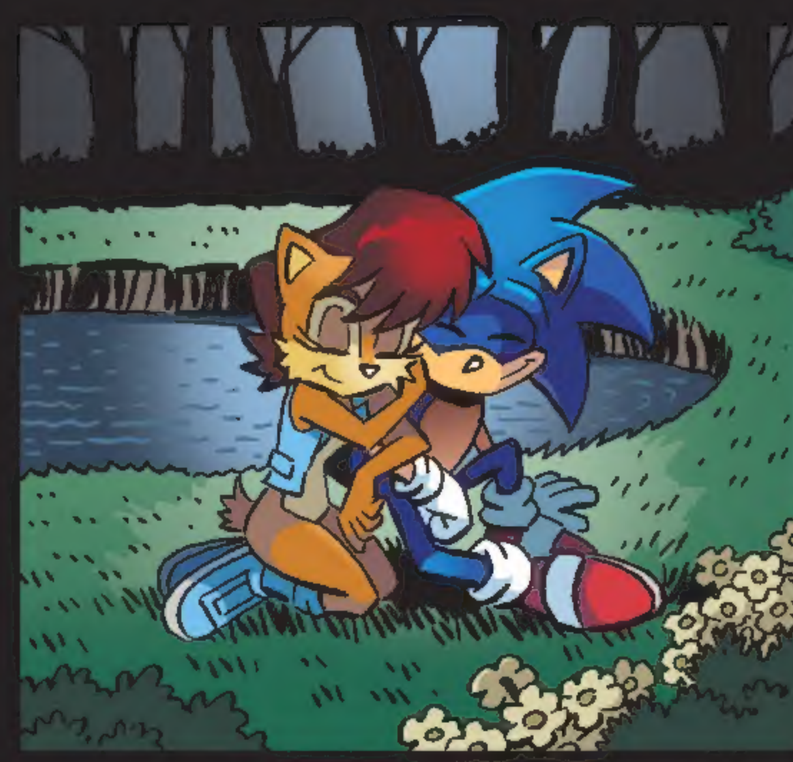
NO? WHY NOT?

BECAUSE I WANT TO BE AT YOUR SIDE.

REALLY? THINK YOU CAN KEEP UP?

IF YOU LET ME.

YEAH ...I GUESS I CAN SLOW DOWN FOR YOU.



ELSEWHERE...

YOU SHOULD BE PRACTICING YOUR SHADOW-MELDING.

I DON'T HAVE THE HEAD FOR IT TONIGHT, SIR.

CLEAR YOUR THOUGHTS, BOY! TOMORROW, ***NEW MOBOTROPOLIS WILL BE MINE!***

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